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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**
2 **ON FEBRUARY 10, 2009 BEGINS ON PAGE 139.]**

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I
7 WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD PLEASE RISE. WE WILL HAVE OUR
8 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THIS MORNING, WE ARE
9 HONORED . FOR OUR INVOCATION TO HAVE BISHOP CHARLES E. BLAKE
10 FROM THE WEST LOS ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST TO LEAD US
11 IN THE INVOCATION, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,
12 WHICH WILL BE LED BY HILARIO GONZALES, MEMBER FRANK C. MARPE
13 CHAPTER NUMBER 44, THE EL MONTE, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS.
14 BISHOP BLAKE.

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16 **BISHOP CHARLES BLAKE:** LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS LORD, WE BOW OUR
17 HEADS AND OUR HEARTS IN RECOGNITION OF A WORLD BEYOND THE
18 WORLD WE SEE AND TOUCH. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR BEHAVIOR IN
19 THIS WORLD IS APPROPRIATE ONLY WHEN IT'S GUIDED BY THE GOD WHO
20 REACHES FROM THE WORLD BEYOND INTO OUR WORLDLY DILEMMAS. WE
21 NOT ONLY THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE WHICH YOU'VE EXTENDED TO US,
22 WE MAKE THAT LOVE THE FOUNDATION AND SOURCE OF OUR FAITH AND
23 HOPE. WE THANK YOU FOR BOUNTIFUL PROVISIONS FOR THE PROSPERITY
24 OF THIS NATION. BUT EVEN IN A DEPRESSION, IT IS THE MOST
25 PROSPEROUS NATION ON EARTH. HELP US TO LOVE AND CARE FOR OUR



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1 FELLOW MAN EVEN AS YOU'VE LOVED AND CARED FOR US. GIVE US THE
2 STRENGTH TO FOLLOW THE COUNSEL OF THAT LOVE UNTIL THE GOAL OF
3 ONE FAMILY, ONE BROTHERHOOD, ONE RACE, THE HUMAN RACE, IS ALL
4 WE THINK OF OR PERCEIVE. WE SUBMIT TO YOUR WISDOM IN THE
5 AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT. WE SUBMIT TO YOUR COMPASSION IN OUR
6 HEARTS. WE ASK FOR EACH MAN AND EACH WOMAN YOUR PEACE, YOUR
7 PROVISION, YOUR ABUNDANT LIFE. EVEN AS YOU'VE MADE THEM WISE
8 AND INFLUENTIAL IN THE AFFAIRS OF OUR COUNTY, MAKE THEM WISE
9 IN THE THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO THEIR OWN SPIRITS, THEIR
10 FAMILIES, THEIR GOD. GRANT THEM PROTECTION AND HEALTH. HELP
11 ALL OF US TO MAKE OUR COUNTY THE MODEL OF WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE
12 A COUNTY TO BE. AMEN.

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14 **HILARIO GONZALES:** LET'S FACE THE FLAG FOR THE PLEDGE OF
15 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND
20 COLLEAGUES. WE'RE NOT ONLY DELIGHTED, BUT HONORED TO HAVE WITH
21 US TODAY BISHOP CHARLES EDWARD BLAKE, PRESIDING PRELATE OF THE
22 CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, REPRESENTING SOME 6 MILLION
23 CONGREGANTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE ALSO SERVES AS THE
24 JURISDICTIONAL PRELATE OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN
25 CALIFORNIA COMPRISED OF MORE THAN 250 CHURCHES. WE KNOW HIM AS



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1 THE PASTOR OF THE WEST ANGELES CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST WITH
2 SOME 24,000 PLUS MEMBERS. BISHOP BLAKE HAS DISTINGUISHED
3 HIMSELF AS AN EXTRAORDINARY PULPITEER. HIS HOMILETICAL SKILLS
4 ARE BEYOND WHAT MOST OF US ARE ORDINARILY ACCUSTOMED TO
5 EXPERIENCING-- ACCUSTOMED TO EXPERIENCE. AND I WOULD SIMPLY
6 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN HIM ON ANY SUNDAY
7 MORNING, CRENSHAW AND EXPOSITION, AT THE CATHEDRAL WHERE YOU
8 WILL INDEED BE BLESSED. THE FOLLOWING CHAIR OF THE CHARLES H.
9 MASON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, A LEADING VOICE ON THE MATTER OF
10 SAVE AFRICA'S CHILDREN, A MISSION THAT HE HAS TAKEN UP WITH
11 EXTRAORDINARY INTENSITY TO HELP THOSE YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE
12 ORPHANAGED. HE'S DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN A WIDE VARIETY OF
13 WAYS, THE PRESIDENTIAL ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER AT BOSTON
14 UNIVERSITY, A HARVARD FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN MEDAL FOR HIS
15 WORK. AND HE HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE THE LOVING HUSBAND
16 OF THE ONE AND ONLY MAE LAWRENCE BLAKE. THE BISHOP HAS THREE
17 CHILDREN, ONE WHO IS HERE, LAWRENCE AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN.
18 WE ARE EXTREMELY DELIGHTED ON THIS SPECIAL DAY DURING AFRICAN-
19 AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH TO HAVE THE ONE AND ONLY CHARLES E.
20 BLAKE PROVIDE US WITH THE INVOCATION. BISHOP, THANK YOU SO
21 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT
2 A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO HILARIO GONZALES. HILARIO IS
3 A MEMBER OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. HE
4 SERVED ON THE U.S.S. HECTOR WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY FROM
5 1972 TO 1975 IN VIETNAM. HIS COMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE GOOD
6 CONDUCT MEDAL, INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, THE
7 VIETNAM STAR MEDAL WITH TWO STARS AND A REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
8 CAMPAIGN MEDAL. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR
9 APPRECIATION TO MR. GONZALES FOR THE HONORABLE SERVICE THAT HE
10 PROVIDED TO OUR COUNTRY. AND THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN OUR
11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, I THINK WE
14 WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
18 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND
19 2-D.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE CHAIR
22 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
25 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
6 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT, SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 8.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
14 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
15 ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 9
18 THROUGH 29. ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
19 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, AS
25 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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1 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY
2 17TH, 2009.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED, TO BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 18, AS INDICATED ON THE
7 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS
8 THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER DEPARTMENT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 24, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES
13 NO ON THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 29, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS
14 THAT THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY BUT THE CORRECTIVE
15 ACTION PLAN BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 24TH, 2009.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECTIVE ACTION SO ORDERED TO BE
18 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE
21 BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
24 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
25 ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 17, ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION,
3 ITEM NUMBER 30. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE
4 RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETING
6 AND/OR CHANGING CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS OF
7 ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE
8 FINDINGS OF CLASSIFICATION STUDIES. AND ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S
9 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. RELATED TO ITEM NUMBER 9, SO
12 ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 31 AND 32. ON ITEM
15 NUMBER 31 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE INTERIM
16 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
17 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO FEBRUARY 17TH, 2009.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM 32, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A
22 DISCUSSION.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
2 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
3 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 33-A,
4 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
5 ITEM.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
10 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
11 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? WE HAVE SEVERAL JOINT
14 PRESENTATIONS. WE HAVE ONE THOSE RARITIES TODAY THAT THE FIRST
15 COUPLE OF PRESENTATIONS ARE JOINT PRESENTATIONS BY ALL OF US
16 UP HERE. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO, AS WAS MENTIONED AS WE
17 CELEBRATE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, TO ASK ALICE
18 HUFFMAN, WHO IS THE N.A.A.C.P. NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER AND
19 CALIFORNIA STATE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. ALSO NAOMI RAINEY,
20 CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECRETARY, PRESIDENT OF LONG BEACH
21 BRANCH AND A GOOD FRIEND. RON HASSAN, THE SOUTHEAST SECTION
22 DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF BEVERLY HILLS-HOLLYWOOD BRANCH, AND
23 WE HAVE OTHER LOS ANGELES COUNTY N.A.A.C.P. PRESIDENTS AND
24 CHAPTER MEMBERS. WE ARE CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
25 THE N.A.A.C.P. AND THAT WILL HAPPEN ON FEBRUARY 12TH. THE



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1 N.A.A.C.P. WILL BECOME 100 YEARS OLD. THE N.A.A.C.P. IS THE
2 NATION'S OLDEST AND LARGEST CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. THE
3 N.A.A.C.P. HEADQUARTERS BASED IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, ALONG
4 WITH ITS 1,700 UNITS NATIONWIDE, WILL BE HOSTING CELEBRATIONS
5 AND OBSERVANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ENDING ON FEBRUARY 12TH,
6 2010. THESE CELEBRATIONS WILL HIGHLIGHT THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE
7 THAT THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION HAS PLAYED IN LEADING SOCIAL
8 CHANGE HERE IN AMERICA. THE N.A.A.C.P. IS BUILT ON THE
9 COLLECTIVE COURAGE OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OF ALL RACES,
10 NATIONALITIES AND FACE UNITED IN ONE PREMISE THAT ALL MEN AND
11 WOMEN ARE CREATED EQUAL. TODAY WE RECOGNIZE ALL MEMBERS OF THE
12 N.A.A.C.P., AND WE HAVE WITH US TODAY THE PRESIDENTS OF 11
13 BRANCHES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE
14 RECOGNIZED INDIVIDUALLY FROM THE DIFFERENT AREAS BY MY
15 COLLEAGUES. THEY HAVE WORKED CONSCIENTIOUSLY WITH ON GOING
16 ACTIVISM AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE IN ORDER MAKE A STRONG AND
17 TRUE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. AND THE LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, EXTEND
19 CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS VERY SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY. SO,
20 FIRST OF ALL, I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE AND THEN ALLOW MY
21 COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME. FROM THE LONG BEACH BRANCH, NAOMI
22 RAINEY AND JESSE JOHNSON. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN,
25 COLLEAGUES. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN SALUTING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
2 THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE AS IT MARKS ITS CENTENNIAL
3 CELEBRATION AND ANNIVERSARY. I WANT TO SAY THAT BEING A LIFE
4 MEMBER OF THE N.A.A.C.P. MEANS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT AS IT
5 RELATES TO THE HISTORY OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND ITS
6 CONTRIBUTION TO CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUAL RIGHTS AND ESSENTIALLY THE
7 DEMOCRATIZATION OF AMERICA. THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION WHO HAS
8 FOUGHT LONGER AND HARDER ON THE BASIC QUESTIONS OF ALTERING
9 THE CONSTITUTION SO THAT IT PROVIDES EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER
10 THE LAW, THE APPROPRIATE VOTING RIGHTS ACTS, AND CIVIL RIGHTS
11 GENERALLY SPEAKING. AND SO IT'S MY HONOR TO SALUTE FOUR
12 PRESIDENTS WHO REPRESENT THE SECOND DISTRICT AND TO ENCOURAGE
13 THEM IN THE WORK THEY DO. I BEGIN WITH OLIVIA VARRETTE WHO IS
14 THE PRESIDENT OF CARSON TORRANCE BRANCH AND MEMBERS ODELIA
15 AUSTIN, AND ARLENE HARRISON. SO FROM THE CARSON BRANCH OF THE
16 N.A.A.C.P., ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, WE PRESENT YOU
17 WITH THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] MR.
18 PRESIDENT AND COLLEAGUES, NOW FROM THE COMPTON BRANCH, BOTH
19 SAM CUNNINGHAM AND KATIE MATTHEWS, PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF
20 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THAT WOULD BE KATIE MATTHEWS, A.K.A
21 ALICE HUFFMAN. THEN FROM THE INGLEWOOD SOUTH GRAY BRANCH,
22 MITCH WILLIAMS, ANNE SUKINA WILLIAMS, SECRETARY OF THE BRANCH.
23 AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE INGLEWOOD. IS INGLEWOOD IN THE
24 HOUSE? ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, INGLEWOOD. LET'S AGAIN WELCOME
25 MS. SUKINA WILLIAMS, A.K.A ALICE HUFFMAN. [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN



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1 THERE'S A BRANCH KNOWN AS LOS ANGELES. THE PRESIDENT IS LEON
2 JENKINS. AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE HIM HERE TODAY. ON
3 BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS, WE MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO THE LOS ANGELES
5 BRANCH N.A.A.C.P., CELEBRATING 100 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] THANK
6 YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE THE GREAT HONOR TO
11 WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES OF THREE OF THE BRANCHES THAT ARE IN
12 THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, OF THE SANTA
13 MONICA VENICE BRANCH OF THE N.A.A.C.P., REPRESENTED HERE TODAY
14 BY ITS PRESIDENT, DARRYL GUDE AND VICE PRESIDENT BECKY
15 LANTREY. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, THE BEVERLY HILLS/HOLLYWOOD BRANCH
16 OF THE N.A.A.C.P., RON HASSAN. I UNDERSTAND THIS IS THE
17 N.A.A.C.P. IMAGE AWARDS, WHICH I THINK MOST ANGELINOS AND
18 AMERICANS ARE FAMILIAR WITH, WERE INITIATED ORIGINALLY 40
19 YEARS AGO THIS YEAR BY THE BEVERLY HILLS/HOLLYWOOD BRANCH. SO
20 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT WILLIS EDWARDS AND NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER
21 WILLIS EDWARDS AND MY FRIEND FOR A LONG, LONG TIME, GREAT
22 ACTIVIST AND LEADER IN THIS COMMUNITY. BUT I DID WANT TO
23 ACKNOWLEDGE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE IMAGE AWARDS STARTED
24 BY THIS CHAPTER. SO BOTH OF YOU, WILLIS AND RON, LET ME
25 PRESENT THIS TO YOU BOTH. I HAVE ONE MORE. AND THAT IS THE SAN



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1 FERNANDO VALLEY BRANCH. THEY ARE REPRESENTED TODAY BY
2 PRESIDENT SHARON GARRETT. AND PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN ALFREDA
3 CARTON. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A GREAT DEAL,
6 PLEASURE AND HONOR TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE
7 N.A.A.C.P. FOR THE PAST 100 YEARS AND HAVING THREE OF THE
8 CHAPTERS THAT ARE IN MY DISTRICT BE WITH US TODAY. THE
9 HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL WITH HUNTINGTON MUSEUM NOW HAS THIS MONTH
10 A WONDERFUL DISPLAY ON LINCOLN'S LEGACY, ORIGINAL PAPERS AND
11 ARTIFACTS THAT WE ENCOURAGE THE PEOPLE TO ATTEND. BUT AMONG MY
12 STAFF, I HAVE THE SON OF CONGRESSMAN ALFONSO BELL WHO LED THE
13 FIGHT FOR THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS BILL IN CONGRESS, WHICH THE
14 N.A.A.C. RECOGNIZED SENATOR EVERETT DIRKSEN, MINORITY LEADER,
15 REPUBLICAN LEADER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, FOR HIS
16 LEADERSHIP, AND GAVE HIM THE ROY WILKINS AWARD FOR THAT
17 HISTORIC 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION THAT WAS ENACTED. SO
18 WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT TONY IS WITH US CARRYING ON IN HIS
19 FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS. FROM THE ALTADENA CHAPTER, WHERE I'M A
20 PROUD LIFE MEMBER OF, WE HAVE BARBARA BIGBY WHO IS THE
21 PRESIDENT, WE HAVE ALONG WITH CHARLES PULLIAM, THE FIRST VICE
22 PRESIDENT AND CELESTE ECKLEY-- EXCUSE ME, LENONA SEDAN WHO IS
23 THE THIRD VICE PRESIDENT. AND WE HAVE THE RECOGNITION OF THEIR
24 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS THAT THEY'RE DOING



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1 HELPING THE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR EDUCATIONAL TALENTS AND
2 THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS TO ACHIEVE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WHILE I HAVE THE
5 OPPORTUNITY, JOINING THE CARSON/TORRANCE DELEGATION IS ALTHEA
6 FRIDAY. WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE WAS APPROPRIATELY
7 ACKNOWLEDGED FOR HER CONTRIBUTION OF THAT BRANCH OF THE
8 N.A.A.C.P.. SO THANK YOU, ALTHEA.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WE HAVE JUAN
11 BLANCO, WHO'S THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
12 CHAPTER. AND WE HAVE CELESTE ECKLEY WHO IS HERE. AND WE DIDN'T
13 HAVE SNOW THIS WEEK, BUT LAST MONTH WE GOT SNOW. WE HAD SNOW
14 TODAY. IT'S BACK AGAIN. AND I HAVE TO RECOGNIZE MY CLASSMATE
15 FROM THE UNIVERSITY, WILLIS EDWARDS, WHERE WE'VE REMAINED
16 FRIENDS FROM THE CAMPUS TO OUR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, AND FOR
17 MANY YEARS, HE WORKED VERY WELL WITH CONGRESSWOMAN-- ANOTHER
18 ONE OF OUR CLASSMATES, DIANE WATSON. SO CAL. STATE L.A. IS
19 WELL REPRESENTED WITH OUR SHERIFF, WITH OUR TAX ASSESSOR AND
20 OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND WE'RE ALL KIND OF CLASSMATES AT THE
21 SAME TIME. AND FROM THE PASADENA CHAPTER, WHO'S BEEN QUITE
22 INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE JOE BROWN FOR
23 HIS LEADERSHIP, WHO ALSO SERVES AS A COMMISSION IN THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT COMPTON IS IN
2 THE HOUSE, AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COME AND JOIN FOR THE
3 PANORAMIC PHOTO.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO DO A GROUP PICTURE. BUT
6 BEFORE THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK RON HASSAN TO JOIN ME UP HERE.
7 HE IS THE SOUTHWEST AREA CHAIRMAN OF THE N.A.A.C.P.. AND I'M
8 GOING TO ALSO ASK ALICE HUFFMAN TO JOIN ME, AS WELL, TOO. THIS
9 IS FOR THE SOUTHWEST AREA, AND SORT OF AN ALL-ENCOMPASSING
10 SCROLL TO EVERYONE. RON, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS TO YOU AND
11 AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS, 100 YEARS. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **ALICE HUFFMAN:** GOOD MORNING TO ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS AND THE
14 MEMBERS OF L.A. COUNTY AND OUR SOUTHWEST AREA. I ASSURE YOU
15 THAT THIS IS THE ONLY TIME WE WILL HAVE 11 OF OUR BRANCHES
16 HONORED IN ONE CEREMONY, BUT IT CAN ONLY HAPPEN IN LOS
17 ANGELES. ONLY IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE 100. AND WE HAVE DONE
18 MANY, MANY GREAT THINGS, BUT WE DID NOT DO IT ALONE. WE DID
19 WITH IT THE HELP OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL LIKE YOURSELVES. AND I
20 WAS JUST THANKING ONE SUPERVISOR FOR THE HISTORY LESSON. WE
21 WILL CELEBRATE ALL YEAR, BUT WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.
22 WE BELIEVE WE MADE AMERICA BETTER BY HAVING _____
23 CALIFORNIA, BY HAVING THE NATIONAL N.A.A.C.P. AND I AM SO
24 PROUD. I DID NOT COME TO STEAL THE THUNDER, I CAME TO SUPPORT
25 THESE UNITS. I CALL THEM THE RETAILERS OF THE N.A.A.C.P.



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1 THEY'RE THE ONES IN YOUR COMMUNITIES MAKING LIFE BETTER FOR
2 PEOPLE WHO TURN TO US BECAUSE WE ARE THE LAST HOPE. AND SO I
3 WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING THEM. I GO AROUND THE
4 STATE TO ALL OF THEIR EVENTS AND I FIND YOU ALL AT EACH EVENT,
5 AND I KNOW THAT THEY HAVE GREAT LOCAL SUPPORT. AND I WANT TO
6 GIVE YOU A SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. SUPERVISOR FOR COORDINATING
7 THIS AND MR. THOMAS FOR HIS EXTRA EFFORTS THAT HIS OFFICE DID
8 TO MAKE THIS WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF I COULD HAVE MY COLLEAGUES JOIN ME,
11 WE'LL DO A GROUP PHOTO HERE.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ONE MORE TIME, ROUND OF APPLAUSE, 100
14 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.] WE WANT TO AGAIN THANK EVERYBODY FOR MAKING
15 THE EFFORT TO GET DOWN HERE. WE KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO GET 11
16 DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS ALL IN ONE ROOM. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE
17 FORTUNATE ENOUGH ONCE AGAIN TO HAVE ANOTHER JOINT PRESENTATION
18 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES. TODAY WE ARE
19 CELEBRATING NOT THE 100TH BUT THE 29TH ANNUAL BOOKMARK CONTEST
20 CONDUCTED BY OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY. SINCE
21 1980, THE COUNTY LIBRARY WITH SUPPORT FROM PEN-TEL OF AMERICA
22 HAS CONDUCTED THIS CONTEST TO ENCOURAGE OUR CHILDREN'S
23 ARTISTIC EXPRESSION AND TO ALLOW THEM TO SHARE THEIR JOY OF
24 BOOKS AS WELL AS THE WRITTEN WORD. THIS YEAR, ALMOST 10,000
25 CHILDREN FROM ACROSS THIS GREAT COUNTY ENTERED THE



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1 COMPETITION. MORE THAN 100 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED AFTER SEEING
2 CONTEST INFORMATION ON THE LIBRARY'S WEB PAGE. ALL OF THE
3 CHILDREN CREATED ORIGINAL BOOKMARK DESIGNS THAT DESCRIBE THEIR
4 LOVE OF BOOKS, READING AND THE LIBRARY. THE OFFICIAL THEME
5 THIS YEAR WAS "READ TO WIN." TODAY WE HAVE WITH US CHILDREN
6 FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY WHOSE BOOKMARK ENTRIES WERE SELECTED AS
7 WINNERS BECAUSE OF THEIR ORIGINALITY AND CREATIVITY. AND AS I
8 TOLD THE KIDS UPSTAIRS, I KNOW THAT THEY'RE WINNERS AND THEY
9 GOT HERE, BUT THEY HAVE TO REALIZE JUST HOW WELL THEY DID
10 BECAUSE EACH YEAR, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GETS A VOLUME
11 ABOUT THIS THICK OF BOOKMARKS THAT WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH AND
12 PICK OUT WINNERS IN EACH OF THE AGE BRACKETS. SO WE'RE REALLY
13 PROUD OF THEM. WE CHOOSE THE WINNERS, AS I SAID, FROM VARIOUS
14 AGE GROUPS: KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SECOND GRADE, GRADE THREE
15 THROUGH GRADE FIVE. GRADE SIX THROUGH GRADE EIGHT. IN ADDITION
16 TO THE SPECIAL GIFTS THAT THEY RECEIVE FROM THE COUNTY
17 LIBRARY, THE CHILDREN'S BOOKMARKS WERE PRINTED BY PEN-TEL.
18 EACH SUPERVISOR WILL BE PRESENTING NOT ONLY A SCROLL TO EACH
19 OF OUR WINNERS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO GOING TO RECEIVE AN ENVELOPE
20 CONTAINING V.I.P. TICKETS TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF
21 NATURAL HISTORY, AS WELL AS OUR MUSEUM OF ART. SO IT'S REALLY
22 A PLEASURE AND HONOR FOR ALL OF US TO HONOR THESE TALENTED
23 YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY. AND THEY ALSO GET A STACK, AS YOU CAN SEE,
24 PEN-TEL, WHEN THEY PRINT IT, THESE ARE SEALED. SO THEY ARE
25 GREAT BOOKMARKS. I'M GOING TO BEGIN. I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE



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1 WINNERS FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT, FIRST OF ALL. I HAVE HANNAH
2 CASSIDAY, FOURTH GRADE. ARTESIA PUBLIC LIBRARY. SORT OF
3 SPECIAL TO HAVE HANNAH BACK HERE. HANNAH, HERE'S A STACK AND
4 I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THIS GIFT. BUT I HAVE THIS PRESENTATION
5 TO HANNAH. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HANNAH IS A RETURN WINNER.
6 SHE WON WHEN SHE WAS IN KINDERGARTEN. NOW HERE SHE IS BACK AS
7 A FOURTH GRADER. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS JENNIFER TURONG, EIGHTH
8 GRADE, BRACKENSACK PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM THE GREAT CITY OF
9 BELLFLOWER. JENNIFER, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAD
10 ANOTHER WINNER IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT BUT COULDN'T JOIN US
11 TODAY. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH CAMPOS, SECOND GREAT,
12 SOUTH WHITTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY IN OUR UNINCORPORATED AREA.
13 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. WELL, IT IS INDEED MY HONOR TO MAKE
16 THESE PRESENTATIONS. WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH SOME
17 OF THE STUDENTS AND THE VERY, VERY PROUD PARENTS. EVERY YEAR
18 THIS BOOKMARK CONTEST IS AMAZING. I'M TOLD THIS YEAR THAT OVER
19 10,000 PARTICIPANTS FROM OUR LIBRARIES. IT'S AMAZING THAT
20 THESE CHILDREN ARE THE WINNERS AMONG 10,000. AND FOR ALL OF US
21 IN OUR DISTRICT, IT WAS TOUGH. IN LINING ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL
22 BOOKMARKS THAT WERE THERE TO DECIDE AND MAKE THE SELECTION OF
23 THE VERY BEST. AND THEY WERE ALL WONDERFUL. THIS YEAR'S THEME
24 OF "READ TO WIN," "LEER PARA GANAR," WAS REALLY AN
25 INSPIRATIONAL ONE AND YOU CAN TELL BY THE WORK THAT WAS DONE.



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1 LET ME INTRODUCE OUR WINNER, KENYA SALINAS. KENYA IS A FIRST
2 GRADER FROM HELIOTROPE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE IS A
3 PATRON OF THE MAYWOOD CESAR CHAVEZ PUBLIC LIBRARY AND IS HERE
4 TODAY WITH HER FRIENDS AND HER FAMILY. WE'RE SO VERY PROUD.
5 KENYA, WE'RE HONORED TO GIVE YOU THIS PRESENTATION.
6 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. HER BEAUTIFUL BOOKMARK IS REALLY
7 EXCITING. SHE DID A WHOLE PIRATE THEME ABOUT FINDING THE
8 LIBRARY. IT'S VERY, VERY BEAUTIFUL. CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S
9 SIGNED BY ALL THE SUPERVISORS. JOIN ME IN THANKING KENYA.
10 [APPLAUSE.] NEXT WE HAVE MINERVA IS GOING TO JOIN ME. WE'LL DO
11 MINERVA RIGHT NOW. MINERVA IS OUR SEVENTH GRADER FROM TORCH
12 MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL. OKAY, I'VE GOT GABRIELLA HERE. OKAY. I'M
13 GOING TO DO GABRIELLA RIGHT NOW. EXCUSE ME. GABRIELLA GREEN IS
14 A FIFTH GRADER FROM HAMILL STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. AND SHE
15 UTILIZES THE ANTHONY QUINN PUBLIC LIBRARY IN EAST L.A. AND OF
16 COURSE GABRIELLA IS ALSO HERE WITH HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY. AND
17 SHE DID A BEAUTIFUL BOOKMARK. IT SAYS "A GREAT MAN ONCE SAID,
18 'I HAVE A DREAM, A DREAM THAT A BOOK OF ALL COVERS SHALL NOT
19 BE JUDGED AND SHALL BE READ.' " WE THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY
20 INSPIRATIONAL. SO WE THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. YOU DID A
21 WONDERFUL JOB. SHE DID A WONDERFUL JOB. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. NOW
22 WE HAVE VANYA MINERVA _____. HOW ARE YOU? VANYA IS A SEVENTH
23 GRADER FROM TORCH MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE IS A PATRON OF THE
24 SUNKIST PUBLIC LIBRARY IN LA PUENTE AND IS ALSO JOINED TODAY
25 BY HER FAMILY AND HER FRIENDS. WHEN WE LOOKED AT THIS, WE



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1 THOUGHT THIS WAS SO CLEVER WHAT SHE DID IN THE "READ TO WIN",
2 IT REALLY SHOWS HOW AS A STUDENT, YOU GO ON TO VERY SUCCESSFUL
3 CAREERS. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, VANYA. [APPLAUSE.]
4 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SUPERVISOR
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. WON'T
10 YOU JOIN ME IN WELCOMING UP SIMON CHELL. SIMON, WHERE ARE YOU?
11 OH, THERE HE IS. GIVE SIMON A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T
12 YOU? [APPLAUSE.] SIMON IS A SECOND GRADER, AND HE IS A CONTEST
13 WINNER FROM THE CULVER CITY JULIAN DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY. HE
14 DECLARES "READING IS FUN." AND SO WE WANT TO SAY
15 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, SIMON. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. GIVE
16 HIM ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.]
17 THANKS SO MUCH. SIMON SAYS READING IS FUN. NOW, IF YOU WOULD
18 JOIN ME IN INVITING UP VICTORIA CONTRERES. VICTORIA?
19 [APPLAUSE.] VICTORIA IS THE WINNER FROM THE HAWTHORN PUBLIC
20 LIBRARY. SHE'S IN THE FOURTH GRADE. AND SHE DECLARES "THE
21 FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS." AND I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE VICTORIA
22 A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, FOURTH GRADER FROM THE YORK
23 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU,
24 VICTORIA. AND NOW IF YOU'D JOIN ME IN WELCOMING CINDY LEBYA?
25 CINDY, COME RIGHT UP. A SIXTH GRADER FROM THE LENNOX PUBLIC



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1 LIBRARY. SHE MADE HER CLAIM WITH HER BOOKMARK BY SAYING, "READ
2 AND GROW." AND SO WE THANK YOU, CINDY, FOR THIS BOOKMARK OF A
3 BLOSSOMING AND STEADY RISING SUNFLOWER. IT DEPICTS YOUR THEME
4 IN A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY. AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. ANOTHER
5 BIG ROUND FOR CINDY. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND WE HAVE THREE
10 PRESENTATIONS TO MAKE, VERY HONORED TO HAVE ALL THREE WINNERS
11 WITH US. FIRST, IN THE CATEGORY OF THE FIRST GRADERS FROM
12 AGOURA HILLS LIBRARY, LAYLA CANTOR. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IN THE
13 FOURTH GRADE CATEGORY, PRISCILLA ARGERO. ALSO REPRESENTING
14 AGOURA HILLS LIBRARY, PRISCILLA. [APPLAUSE.] AND LAST BUT NOT
15 LEAST IN THE EIGHTH GRADE CATEGORY REPRESENTING THE SAN
16 FERNANDO LIBRARY, MADELEINE GOMEZ. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT, WE HAVE SOME
21 WINNERS. AND THIS IS ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT YEARS THAT I
22 HAD TO JUDGE THIS CONTEST BECAUSE SOME OF THEM WERE-- IT WAS
23 VERY COMPETITIVE. THEY WERE VERY, VERY GOOD. BUT FROM THE
24 VALENCIA PUBLIC LIBRARY, WE HAVE OUR SECOND GRADER, MINA YOUNG
25 WHO IS HERE. AND SHE HAD DONE A BOOKMARK THAT HAS THE



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1 CHILDREN'S. BOOKMARK CONTEST WITH THE CHILDREN GOING TO THE 88
2 READING OLYMPICS. THERE THEY ARE GOING TO THE OLYMPICS, FIRST
3 PLACE, ROAD TO WIN. AND IT WAS VERY CREATIVE. AND WE KNOW WE
4 HAD A GREAT OLYMPICS THIS YEAR. DID YOU WATCH THE OLYMPICS?
5 OUR SECOND RECIPIENT IS FROM TEMPLE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND
6 THAT'S SOPHIA WAY. AND SHE HAD ONE WHERE IT HAS "LIFE LEARNER,
7 LEADER" AND IT HAS FROM CHILD TO KIDS TO TEENAGER TO COLLEGE
8 TO LIFE. BEGIN WITH A GOOD EDUCATION AND YOU CAN REACH THE TOP
9 OF THE STAIRCASE AND BE A WINNER. RIGHT, SOPHIA? [APPLAUSE.]
10 AND FROM SAN GABRIEL, WE HAVE JACKSON HUWONG, A FIFTH GRADER
11 AT THE SAN GABRIEL PUBLIC LIBRARY. AND HIS ONE, HIS BOOKMARK
12 HAS "READ AND YOU CAN WIN ANY OBSTACLE." AND IT HAS A PERSON
13 RUNNING A TRACK MEET GOING OVER THE HURDLES AND THE HIGH BAR.
14 AND OUR SEVENTH GRADE WINNER IS MADISON LUNA FROM THE SAN
15 DIMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY. HIS BOOKMARK HAS "EVERYBODY WINS WHEN
16 THEY READ." THERE IS THE FIRST PLACE READER AWARD YOU GET WHEN
17 YOU ARE A WINNER. WINNERS ARE READERS AND READERS ARE WINNERS.
18 GOOD JOB. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE GOING TO DO A GROUP PHOTO. BUT
21 FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO CALL OUR COUNTY LIBRARIAN, THERE SHE
22 IS, MARGARET DONNELLAN TODD TO SHARE A FEW WORDS. MARGARET?
23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **MARGARET TODD:** I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE WINNERS AND
2 I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL THE PARENTS AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS
3 WHO CAME DOWN TO CHEER THEM ON AND OF COURSE THANK THE BOARD
4 FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SELECT OUR WINNERS. WE APPRECIATE THAT
5 SO MUCH. AS THE SUPERVISOR SAYS, READING IS EVERYTHING. IF YOU
6 CAN'T READ, YOU CANNOT GET A JOB. SO EVERYTHING WE CAN DO TO
7 ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BECOME GOOD READERS IS A GOOD THING.
8 THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MARGARET. I'D JUST SAY ON
11 BEHALF OF ALL OF US, MARGARET, WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR
12 ONGOING SUPPORT. THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT. YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL,
13 YOU LOOK AT THAT BOOK AND SAY "OH NO, I HAVE TO GO THROUGH
14 THIS WHOLE BOOK AGAIN" BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S REALLY
15 A GREAT REWARD. SO IF I COULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME UP
16 HERE WITH THE KIDS, WE'LL HAVE ONE BIG GROUP PHOTO. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WANT A PICTURE WITH ALL THE PARENTS.

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20 **SPEAKER:** THE PAPARAZZI.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW GUESS WHAT YOU GET TO DO? YOU GET TO
23 GO BACK TO SCHOOL. HOW GOOD IS THAT? [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT.
24 ONE MORE TIME, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
25 CONGRATULATIONS. YOU'RE FAMOUS NOW. LOOK AT THAT. THEY'RE



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1 WATCHING YOU THERE. SEE YOURSELF RIGHT THERE? THAT'S YOU. OH
2 NO. YEAH, THAT'S YOU, RIGHT THERE. LOOK. ALL RIGHT,
3 CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. THANK YOU, MOMS AND DADS, AUNTS AND
4 UNCLES, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE RAMON GIBSON.
11 WITH US IS THE CHIEF DEPUTY DARRYL OSBY, OF THE L.A. COUNTY
12 FIRE DEPARTMENT, BATTALION CHIEF, BILL NICKOMBE, P.I.O.
13 CAPTAIN MICHAEL BROWN, ELAINE CONNELLY, SECRETARY, AND
14 CHRISTINA PAWAWALO, IN RECOGNITION OF RAMON'S UPCOMING
15 RETIREMENT AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER PROMOTING EARTHQUAKE
16 SAFETY EDUCATION FOR OUR COUNTY'S CHILDREN, WHICH IS SO
17 IMPORTANT AND SO VITAL. RAMON HELPED TO CREATE THE YOGI BEAR
18 SCHOOLHOUSE FOR THE COUNTY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND AS AN
19 ENGINEER AND DESIGNER FOR THE PAUL MONROE COMPANY WHICH
20 PROVIDED THE HYDRAULICS AND ELECTRONICS OF THE VEHICLE. THE
21 SCHOOLHOUSE SERVES AS AN EARTHQUAKE SIMULATOR AND EDUCATION
22 TOOL TO HELP OUR CHILDREN UNDERSTAND AND OVERCOME THE FEAR OF
23 AN EARTHQUAKE BY UNDERSTANDING THE SEISMIC PHENOMENON OF
24 EARTHQUAKES. SINCE YOGI BEAR'S SCHOOLHOUSE PROGRAM STARTED IN
25 1986, THAT SCHOOLHOUSE HAS VISITED TWO SCHOOLS PER DAY



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1 EDUCATING OVER 400 STUDENTS PER VISIT IN OUR PUBLIC AND
2 PRIVATE SCHOOLS. DURING HIS CAREER, HE HAS CIRCUMNAVIGATED THE
3 GLOBE 4 1/2 TIMES WORKING ON THE PIPELINES IN ALASKA, TO THE
4 GLOMAR EXPLORER, A LARGE VESSEL USED FOR DEEP SEA DRILLING, TO
5 WORKING ON SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR BOTH DISNEYLAND AND UNIVERSAL
6 STUDIOS. SUPERVISOR DEANE DANA AND I HELPED INITIATE THIS
7 EARTHQUAKE "SHAKY- QUAKY VAN" ALONG WITH OF BILL HANNAH OF
8 HANNAH BARBERA WHO ALLOWED YOGI TO BE THE GREAT MASCOT WHICH
9 IS HE IS TODAY. AND AGAIN, YOU WILL FIND THIS OUT IN OUR
10 COMMUNITY AND IN OUR SHOPPING CENTERS, IN OUR SCHOOLS,
11 EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN, BECAUSE WE TEND TO HAVE EARTHQUAKES
12 ABOUT EVERY 10 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IT'S BEEN A
13 LITTLE LONGER THAN 10 YEARS SINCE THE LAST EARTHQUAKE IN 1991.
14 AND WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN ALASKA TODAY WITH THAT VOLCANO
15 THAT CAN ERUPT AT ANY TIME, WE ALWAYS NEED TO BE PREPARED
16 HERE. I WOULD JUST URGE OUR PEOPLE TO BE SURE YOU HAVE THREE
17 DAYS' OF WATER AND FOOD AND A HAND-OPERATED CAN OPENER, NOT AN
18 ELECTRIC ONE IN CASE WE HAVE AN EARTHQUAKE AND YOU'RE PREPARED
19 FOR YOUR FAMILY ALONG WITH KEEPING SOME SLIPPERS OR SHOES
20 BENEATH YOUR BED IN CASE THERE IS BROKEN GLASS AFTER AN
21 EARTHQUAKE, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT YOU TO BE INJURED, HELPING
22 YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR FAMILY. SO RAMON, THANK
23 YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. YOU KNOW HOW THE KIDS LIKE IT. YOU'VE
24 SEEN IT FIRSTHAND. AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF PIPE AND WE'RE
25 PROUD OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.]



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SPEAKER: HONORABLE CHAIR, HONORABLE BOARD ON BEHALF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, THE FIRE CHIEF, AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WE'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR COORDINATING THIS PRESENTATION. ALSO LIKE TO THANK RAMON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC SAFETY. AS SUPERVISOR SAID, THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING AND EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF A PUBLIC/PRIVATE COLLABORATIVE BETWEEN THE L.A. FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE PYTHONERS ORGANIZATION AS FAR AS PROVIDING PUBLIC SAFETY TO OUR CHILDREN. WE DID EXERCISE THE GREAT SHAKEOUT HERE THE LAST FEW MONTHS AGO AS FAR AS EARTHQUAKES GO IN OUR REGION. WE RECOGNIZED NATURAL DISASTERS CREATE THE BIGGEST THREAT AS FAR AS POTENTIAL LIFE LOSS AND PROPERTY. AS RAMON HAS DONE FOR THE SEVERAL DECADES, HE'S TRAINED HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF KIDS AS FAR AS PREPARATION FOR EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS, AND WE'D LIKE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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SPEAKER: ONE MORE THING, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE EILEEN CONNELLY. SHE IS ONE OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS. AND ALSO SHE WAS WITH THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INCEPTION OF YOGI BEAR'S SCHOOLHOUSE, SO THANK YOU, EILEEN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WANT TO ADD. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER
2 THING IN THE COUNTY HERE THAT'S ATTRACTED MORE ATTENTION AND
3 BEEN MORE BENEFICIAL TO OUR KIDS THAN "SHAKY-QUAKY." SO
4 CONGRATULATIONS. GREAT JOB.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE WEEK, WE HAD A DOG TWO WEEKS AGO THAT WAS
7 ILL AND WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE. SO TODAY WE HAVE TWO, WHICH
8 ARE A LITTLE BOY AND A LITTLE GIRL, BROTHER AND SISTER, DUSTIN
9 AND HOPE. THEY ARE A TERRIER MIX. THEY'RE EIGHT WEEKS OLD.
10 LITTLE HOPE HAS HER TUTU ON. AND DUSTIN'S COOL WITH THE BLUE
11 COLLAR. SO, ANYWAY, YOU CAN ADOPT ONE OR BOTH. THEY DON'T
12 BITE. AND YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644 OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
13 THEY'RE WELCOME TO GET A NEW MASCOT IF THEY NEED ONE. CHIEF,
14 DO YOU WANT A MASCOT? YOU GET TWO? LITTLE HOPE AND DUSTIN CAN
15 BE YOUR HOPE FOR THE YEAR OF THE OX 2009. AND YOU GET THE
16 TUTU, TOO. WANT TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE?

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HERE WE GO. START WITH THE FIRST
19 DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, SIR.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN THIS
2 MORNING IN THE MEMORY OF RICHARD CASTRO. HE WAS A VERY BELOVED
3 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE IN EAST L.A., SOMEONE THAT WAS VERY
4 INVOLVED AS AN ACTIVIST. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF EAST L.A. FOR A
5 LONG TIME. HE CERTAINLY LOVED HIS OWN COMMUNITY. HE WORKED FOR
6 THE CITY OF L.A. FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HE WORKED AS A
7 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAPTAIN AND WAS PART OF MY LOCAL
8 EMPOWERMENT GROUP KNOWN AS M.A.S.H. RICHARD TOUCHED MANY
9 COUNTLESS LIVES, AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEVER GOING TO BE
10 FORGOTTEN. I WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HIS
11 WIFE, HIS CHILDREN, HIS GRANDCHILDREN AS WELL AS HIS GREAT
12 GRANDCHILDREN. SO I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD
13 CASTRO.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO JOIN
16 IN RICHARD CASTRO. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU HELD OR ANYTHING?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANY
21 ADJOURNMENTS?

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** INDEED, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, WOULD
24 YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN THE MEMORY OF PABLO ANTONIO
25 GARCIA, LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 848 WHO PASSED



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1 AWAY RECENTLY IN AN ACCIDENT ON THE JOB AT THE PORT OF LONG
2 BEACH. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST EMPLOYEES DRIVERS REPRESENTED
3 BY THE TEAMSTERS. HE WAS A DEDICATED FATHER, HUSBAND AND PORT
4 DRIVER WHO WILL BE MISSED. YOU SHOULD KNOW HE LEAVES TO
5 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, CHILDREN AND FELLOW PORT DRIVERS.
6 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. ADDITIONALLY, EAVER SANDERS, LONG
7 TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED ON JANUARY 18TH. SHE
8 WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY BAKER AND DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE
9 MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER
10 HUSBAND, HERBERT BLUE, TWO SONS, TONY AND ROBERT BLUE,
11 DAUGHTER MARTHA BLUE, ADOPTED DAUGHTER EMMA MOORE AND TWO
12 SISTERS, EARSIE THURMAN, AND MAE EMMA MCLUKE, AMONG MANY
13 OTHERS AND ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILIES AND FRIENDS-- FAMILY
14 AND FRIENDS. REVERL WILLIAMS, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES,
15 LONG TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND HUSBAND OF RETIRED
16 C.E.O., STAFF MEMBER AND FORMER COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE
17 COMMISSIONER, EFFETTA WILLIAMS. HE PASSED ON FEBRUARY 3RD. HE
18 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, EFFETTA, AND DAUGHTER,
19 TRACI, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FINALLY
20 EMILY ST. CYR HILL, 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD.
21 SHE PASSED AWAY ON THE 5TH OF FEBRUARY. SHE IS THE LOVING
22 MOTHER OF SHEILA CLAVERIE, A MEMBER OF THE EMPOWERMENT
23 CONGRESS'S HEALTH COMMITTEE AND A STAFF MEMBER OF THE
24 COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
25 COLLEAGUES. THOSE WHO I JUST MENTIONED WILL BE MISSED DEEPLY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
3 OF GRAHAM PERRY KILSBY PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 1ST. GRADUATED
4 FROM POMONA COLLEGE AND MOVED TO LONG BEACH WHEN HIS WIFE
5 BECAME SENIOR MINISTER AT THE LONG BEACH CONGREGATIONAL
6 CHURCH. HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE WAS IN THE SPECIALTY TUBING
7 BUSINESS. HE SERVED ON SEVERAL NATIONAL COMMITTEES BOTH FOR
8 THE STEEL AND ALUMINUM INDUSTRIES. BUD WAS VERY INVOLVED IN
9 MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE LONG BEACH CONGRESSIONAL
10 CHURCH AS WELL AS THE LONG BEACH STATE AND CARPENTER CENTER.
11 HE LOVED HIS FAMILY, SAILING, SPORTS AND THE ARTS. HE IS
12 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, A STALWART OF LONG BEACH COMMUNITY OF 53
13 YEARS, MARY ELLEN, FOUR CHILDREN AND 11 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO
14 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LYLE WALLRAVEN WHO PASSED AWAY ON
15 JANUARY 30TH. HE SERVED IN THE ARMY, WAS A CANNONEER IN THE
16 INFANTRY. HE WORKED IN THE BELL FLOWER POST OFFICE FOR 30
17 YEARS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS
18 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 61 YEARS, ALLYCE. THREE CHILDREN,
19 DEBORAH, JOHN AND RUTH. SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT
20 GRANDCHILD AND TWO STEP SIBLINGS. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A VERY GOOD FRIEND, A
24 GREAT LEADER IN CASTAIC. HE'S BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE CASTAIC
25 FOR 45 YEARS. THAT'S SAM AZHDERIAN. HE PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY



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1 27TH. HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF OUR TOWN COUNCIL AND HE FOUNDED
2 THE CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
3 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GLORIA. SAM WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE
4 COMMUNITY LEADERS, VISIONARY AND VERY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL
5 AND WILL BE MISSED. SABRINA AJDARI, WHO WAS A NURSE FOR LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY. SHE DEVOTED 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY
7 BY SERVING BEGINNING AS A STUDENT NURSE, STAFF NURSE, CHARGE
8 NURSE, NURSE MANAGER, AFTER SHE GRADUATED FROM OUR COUNTY
9 SCHOOL OF NURSING BACK IN 1982. SHE WORKED AT WOMEN'S AND
10 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AS A STAFF NURSE AND LABOR AND DELIVERY
11 AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO OUR OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL WHERE SHE HELD
12 THE POSITION OF STAFF NURSE. SHE'LL BE MISSED. ROBERT BOCK, HE
13 SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY INDIAN MUSEUM IN
14 PALMDALE AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ARCHEOLOGY
15 SOCIETY AND THE ELKS CLUB. EMANUEL ROBERTO CADONA, GRADUATE OF
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE. MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE
17 CORPS. HE WORKED AS ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR SPECIALIST AND
18 WAS A CAREER RETENTION SPECIALIST WITH TOURS OF DUTY IN KUWAIT
19 AND IRAQ. FLORENCIO FRANCO, WHO WAS A RETIRED DEPUTY, FOUR OF
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR 33 YEARS, RETIRED
21 FROM THE EAST LOS ANGELES STATION. PRESTON GOMEZ. PRESTON WAS
22 A LONG-TIME CALIFORNIA ANGEL CONSULTANT WHO HAD BEEN THIRD
23 BASE COACH FOR THE DODGERS WHEN THEY WON THE 1965 WORLD
24 SERIES. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE WASHINGTON SENATORS AS A
25 SHORTSTOP. AFTER HIS PLAYING CAREER ENDED, GOMEZ MANAGED THE



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1 MEXICAN WINTER LEAGUE AND SERVED AS THIRD BASE COACH FOR THE
2 LOS ANGELES DODGERS. HE LATER JOINED THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS IN
3 1981 AS A THIRD BASE COACH AND FOR FOUR SEASONS BEFORE HE
4 BECAME THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER IN 1985,
5 WHICH HE HELD UNTIL HIS PASSING THIS PAST MONTH. HE WAS VERY
6 CLOSE TO MICHAEL SOSHIA AND MR. MORENO, THE OWNER OF THE
7 ANGELS, AND TONY REGANS, THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER. THEY WERE A
8 REAL TEAM. AND HE WILL BE MISSED. WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
9 PRESTON. HE WAS 86. WILLIAM HANNA, WHO WAS RETIRED SERGEANT OF
10 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SCOTT JASGUR.
11 SCOTT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 50. HE WAS A FIREFIGHTER,
12 PARAMEDIC FOR 25 YEARS WITH THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. HE WAS
13 A MEMBER OF THE ELITE FLIGHT MEDIC FOR MERCY AIR. HE WAS THE
14 BROTHER OF MY DEPUTY, DEBRA MENDELSON. AND IT WAS A TRAGIC
15 PASSING AWAY WITH CANCER. BUT HE WAS A STRONG FIGHTER. AND
16 DEBRA AND THE FAMILY WERE THERE WITH THEIR BROTHER. HE LEAVES
17 THREE BROTHERS AND HIS WIFE AND HIS FOUR CHILDREN. ESPERANZA
18 GOMEZ LOMELI, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LA VERNE, MEMBER OF HOLY
19 NAME OF MARY PARISH, INVOLVED IN THE DAMIEN PARISH HIGH SCHOOL
20 AND MOTHER OF MARTIN LOMELI, WHO IS THE CITY MANAGER OF LA
21 VERNE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS. ELENORA MORRISSEY,
22 MEMBER OF THE EMBLEM CLUB AND MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 SHERIFF'S RELEASE ASSOCIATION. MILTON PARKER. MILTON WAS A
24 LONG TIME OWNER OF CARNEGIE DELI. SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER
25 MARIAN. DONALD PAUL, LONG TIME ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT.



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1 EILEEN QUACKENBUSH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WAS QUITE
2 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY OF GLENDALE FOR OVER 60 YEARS. DON
3 YORDE, WHO WAS THE SON OF PAUL AND NORMA YORDE, THE FOUNDERS
4 OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN HOME OF THE WEST, WHICH IS THE HOME
5 FOR THE CHILDREN WHO ARE EMOTIONALLY DISABLED. HE PASSED AWAY
6 FEBRUARY 4TH AT THE AGE OF 70. ERNEST BARLOW, DEPUTY SHERIFF
7 RETIRED, SERVED FOR 31 YEARS. MARIAN BINGHAM, LONG TIME
8 RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY, AND PAUL BRATSCH, INSPECTOR WITH
9 29 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 6TH OF THIS YEAR. THOSE
11 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU DO JAMES WHITMORE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOIN WITH YOU ON THAT ONE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS. ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
22 OF JAMES WHITMORE, THE AWARD-WINNING ACTOR AND STAR OF SEVERAL
23 HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE-MAN SHOWS, WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THE
24 WEEKEND OF LUNG CANCER IN HIS HOME IN MALIBU, AT THE AGE OF
25 87. HE WAS ACTIVE IN FILMS AND TELEVISION BEGINNING IN 1949.



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1 HIS STAGE WORKS INCLUDED "WILL ROGERS, U.S.A.," "GIVE 'EM
2 HELL, HARRY," AND "BULLY, AN EVENING WITH PRESIDENT THEODORE
3 ROOSEVELT." HE HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER BOTH IN STAGE AND
4 SCREEN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NOREEN WHITMORE, HIS SON
5 STEVE WHITMORE, WHO IS THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE, MEDIA ADVISOR
6 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF LEE BACA, AND JAMES
7 WHITMORE, JR. AND DAN WHITMORE, HIS THREE SONS.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BEATRICE
14 JENNY INCAUDO, A LONG TIME LEADER OF THE STUDIO CITY
15 RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WHO WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH MY OFFICE
16 ON VERY MANY, MANY LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES, ESPECIALLY
17 DURING MY TIME AS A CITY COUNCILMAN IN LOS ANGELES. PASSED
18 AWAY QUIETLY IN HER SLEEP AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. SHE IS
19 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JOSEPH AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND
20 MANY FRIENDS. AND I WOULD JUST SAY JENNY WAS ONE OF THOSE
21 HOMEOWNER ACTIVISTS WHO WAS INTERESTED IN SOLUTIONS AND KNEW
22 HOW TO GET TO YES. THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS IN THE STUDIO
23 CITY COMMUNITY THAT HAVE HER FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER IT. IT'S A
24 REAL LOSS. SHE WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO OUR OFFICE. THANK YOU,
25 MR. CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. OKAY, WE'VE DONE THE
3 ADJOURNMENTS. WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS HELD BY THE PUBLIC. I'M
4 GOING TO ASK ARNOLD SACHS TO COME FORWARD, ITEM 14, 33-A.

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6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK
7 YOU. ITEM 14, I BELIEVE REFERENCES TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. AND
8 IN THERE IT STATES LOOKING INTO HOW THEY CAN ACHIEVE BETTER
9 SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED AND PEOPLE GOING FOR WORK
10 WHO NEED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR WORK. AND I DON'T KNOW,
11 MAYBE, AS I STATED LIKE 99 OTHER TIMES, A FIRST STEP OR A NEXT
12 STEP, WHICH WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP, WOULD BE TO INVESTIGATE
13 THE OPERATIONS OF ACCESS SERVICES. TOO OFTEN, THE PROVIDERS
14 SET THEIR OWN RESTRICTIONS ON THE VEHICLES BY NOT HAVING
15 AUTHORIZED DRIVERS BEHIND THE WHEEL OF AN AUTHORIZED ACCESS
16 VEHICLE. AND IF THE DRIVER'S NOT AUTHORIZED, THEN THEY CAN'T
17 DO ACCESS SERVICES. AND UNTIL YOU INVESTIGATE THAT LITTLE
18 LOOPHOLE, EVEN MAKE A BABY STEP, ALL THIS MONEY YOU MIGHT AS
19 WELL JUST DROP FROM THE TOP OF THE BUILDING HERE AND LET IT
20 FLOAT DOWN THE STREET BECAUSE IT'S JUST A WASTE OF TIME. THANK
21 YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ITEM 14, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT
24 HAVE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
25 ORDERED. ITEM 33-A.



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ARNOLD SACHS: ITEM 33-A, I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE
LOOKING WOULD PROCLAIMING 211 SERVICES WEEK, BUT I'D ALSO LIKE
YOU TO MENTION THE FACT THAT 211 IS A FOR PROFIT OPERATION
NOW. YOU'RE NOT TALKING TO COUNTY OFFICERS OR COUNTY WORKERS.
YOU'RE ACTUALLY TALKING TO A FOR PROFIT COMPANY WHOSE MONIKER
IS 211. THEY COULD JUST BE READING OFF A SHEET. SO IN ESSENCE,
MONEY THAT COULD BE USED FOR SERVICES THAT COULD BE PROVIDED
BY 211 UNDER THEIR AUSPICES IS ACTUALLY GOING FIRST TOWARDS
SALARIES AND THEN TOWARDS SERVICES. AGAIN, THANK YOU AS ALWAYS
FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

12

SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
ORDERED. A COUPLE MINUTES EARLY, BUT WE'LL CALL UP ITEM S-1.
AN INTERIM REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND THE
C.E.O. ON THE L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER. WE HAVE A COUPLE
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, BUT I'M SURE THEY WANT TO WAIT UNTIL
AFTER THE REPORT. C.E.O. AND SOMEONE FROM HEALTH SERVICES?
THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY.

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CAROL MEYER: GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, CAROL MEYER, INTERIM
CHIEF NETWORK OFFICER FOR THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SERVICES. THIS IS A STATUS REPORT OF THE INDICATORS FROM
MOVING FROM THE OLD L.A.C. U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER TO THE NEW



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1 FACILITY. KEY POINTS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING OUT TODAY ARE
2 THAT THE CENSUS IS CONTINUALLY INCREASING. AND YOU CAN SEE THE
3 A.D.C. ON YOUR REPORT. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE, I'D LIKE TO
4 POINT OUT ATTACHMENT 1. WE DID AN ANALYSIS OF THE WORKLOAD
5 SUMMARY THAT IS GOING ON AT L.A.C. U.S.C. IN TERMS OF THE E.D.
6 WORKLOAD, THE ADMISSIONS FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, AND
7 THE ADMISSIONS TO THE HOSPITAL IN TOTAL. AGAIN YOU CAN SEE AN
8 EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF E.D. ADMISSIONS AS WELL AS
9 ADMISSIONS TO THE HOSPITAL. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO AT THIS POINT
10 IS I'D LIKE TO REFER A COUPLE OF ISSUES TO SEVERAL STAFF THAT
11 WE HAVE HERE FROM THE HOSPITAL AND ALSO TO KATHY CHIDESTER
12 FROM THE AGENCY. IN PARTICULAR I'D LIKE DR. HALL TO SPEAK TO
13 THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OPERATING AGREEMENT AND THE SUCCESS OF
14 IMPLEMENTING.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME JUST FOR A SECOND. COULD WE
17 JUST HAVE A LITTLE QUIET OVER HERE, PLEASE, SO WE CAN HEAR THE
18 SPEAKERS? THANK YOU.

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** THE SUCCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE M.S.O.A. AT
21 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. I'D ALSO LIKE DR. HALL TO TALK A
22 LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PATIENT SPECIALTY SERVICES, THE
23 A.C.G.M.E. PROGRAM STATUS AND THE RESIDENCY ROTATIONS AND THE
24 IMPLICATIONS OF CENSUS ON THOSE RESIDENCY ROTATIONS, AND ALSO
25 JUST SORT OF HAVE DR. HALL AND PETE DELGADO, THE C.E.O., TALK



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1 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SPECIALTY BED UTILIZATION AND WHAT WE'RE
2 DOING THERE.

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4 **STEPHANIE HALL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE HALL. I'M
5 THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL
6 CENTER. IN SUMMARY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL
7 OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE TECH. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HAS
8 MOVED FORWARD. AND CURRENTLY WE HAVE ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF THE
9 ITEMS THAT WERE PROVIDED FOR THAT ARE IN, NOW CURRENTLY BEING
10 HIRED OR ON BOARD IN PROVIDING SERVICE AT THE MEDICAL CENTER.
11 THIS HAS RELIEVED SOME OF THE SHORTAGES THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED
12 AND THAT IS MOVING FORWARD QUITE NICELY. REGARDING THE
13 ANALYSIS OF PATIENT SPECIALTY SERVICES, THE AREAS THAT WE SEE
14 TRENDS IN THE AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS, YOU HAVE AN ATTACHMENT, A
15 CHART WHICH ACTUALLY GIVES YOU THE AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS. THE
16 AREA'S O.B., PEDIATRICS, THE I.C.U. PSYCHIATRIC AND BURN
17 SERVICES HAVE SHOWN AN INCREASE IN CENSUS SLIGHTLY SINCE THE
18 MOVE-- OR SHOW AN UPWARD TREND SINCE THE MOVE INTO A NEW
19 HOSPITAL. AND PARTICULARLY IN OUR BURN SERVICE, OVER THE LAST--
20 - DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR, WE'VE SEEN OUR HIGHEST CENSUS YET.
21 THE INITIAL REDUCTION IN OUR PEDIATRIC CENSUS IS CONSISTENT
22 WITH REDUCTION IN OTHER AREA CENSUS CONSISTENT WITH THE
23 CONSTRICTION OF THE MOVE. AND AS A RESULT, ALL OF OUR CENSUS
24 AREAS WERE REDUCED. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SEEN A RESURGENCE IN THAT
25 AREA, AND WE ANTICIPATE A FULL UNIT. AND WE ARE ACTUALLY



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1 EXPERIENCING NEAR 80 PERCENT TO 90 PERCENT CAPACITY OR
2 OCCUPANCY AT THIS TIME. REGARDING THE A.C.G.M.E. TRAINING
3 PROGRAMS, IT IS REALLY TOO EARLY TO TELL IF THE CHANGE IN OUR
4 CENSUS COMPLEMENT HAS HAD A DIRECT EFFECT ON OUR TRAINING.
5 HOWEVER, WE HAVE HAD FOUR DIFFERENT SITE SURVEYS THAT WERE IN
6 VERY CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE MOVE AND ONE FOLLOWING THE MOVE.
7 ALL OF THESE SITE SURVEYS FOR OUR TRAINING PROGRAMS HAVE
8 RESULTED IN EXCELLENT OUTCOMES. WE'VE BEEN GIVEN FULL
9 ACCREDITATION FOR THOSE PROGRAMS AT A MAXIMUM OF FIVE-YEAR
10 CYCLE. AND ONE PROGRAM, OUR ORTHOPEDIC HAND PROGRAM, WAS GIVEN
11 A FOUR-YEAR CYCLE, WHICH IS ONE MORE YEAR THAN PREVIOUSLY
12 ACHIEVED AT THE LAST SITE VISIT. ANECDOTALLY, INTERVIEWS WITH
13 ALL OF OUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND ALL OF OUR CHIEFS AND CHAIRS
14 HAVE INDICATED THAT IN FACT THE RESIDENCY TRAINING EXPERIENCE
15 IS VASTLY IMPROVED AND THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT OF NEW
16 CANDIDATES HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED AND HAS
17 EXCELLENT FEEDBACK AS TO THE POTENTIAL RECRUITMENT OF
18 OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES. SO OVERALL, THE IMPROVEMENT AT THE
19 FACILITY HAS RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN OUR ABILITY TO RECRUIT
20 EXCELLENT CANDIDATES TO THESE TRAINING PROGRAMS. OVERALL, THE
21 SPECIALTY BED UTILIZATION, THERE WAS A QUESTION POSED AS TO
22 WHAT ACTIVITIES WERE YOU DOING TO IMPROVE OUR OVERALL
23 UTILIZATION OF SOME OF OUR SPECIALTY BEDS. AND WE ARE WORKING
24 CLOSELY WITH THE PEDIATRIC COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE OUR CUSTOMER
25 SERVICE, IMPROVE OUR TRANSPORTS. AND WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY



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1 WITH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO ACCEPT AND BE AVAILABLE FOR THE
2 COMMUNITY FOR TRANSFERS INTO OUR FACILITY. ADDITIONALLY, WE
3 ARE WORKING TO MAKE AVAILABLE BURN TRANSFERS SO THAT PATIENTS
4 THAT REQUIRE BURN SERVICES, THAT WE ARE AVAILABLE AND THE
5 TRANSFER ACTIVITY AND PROCESS IS VERY SMOOTH AND CUSTOMER-
6 FRIENDLY.

7

8 **PETE DELGADO:** WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO MAKE OURSELVES A LITTLE
9 MORE FRIENDLIER TO AREA HOSPITALS AS IT PERTAINS TO
10 TRANSFERRING SPECIALIZED BEDS OR SPECIALIZED PATIENTS. WE ARE
11 GOING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE GETTING READY TO ADVISE,
12 THROUGH THE "LA OPINION," JUST SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WE ARE
13 STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS, SPECIFICALLY THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.
14 WE'RE RE-EVALUATING OUR SIGNAGE AROUND THE CAMPUS JUST TO MAKE
15 SURE AS YOU'RE CIRCLING THE CAMPUS, MAKING SURE THAT NO ONE
16 GETS THE WRONG IDEA THAT CHILDREN'S SERVICES HAVE BEEN
17 MINIMIZED OR HAVE BEEN RELOCATED.

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19 **CAROL MEYER:** OKAY. THEN THE OTHER TWO ISSUES THAT WE WANTED TO
20 ADDRESS BASED ON PREVIOUS QUESTIONS INCLUDE QUESTIONS ABOUT
21 HOSPITAL DIVERSION. AND WE'VE OUTLINED IN THIS BOARD MEMO THE
22 DIVERSION PROCESS. AND WE INDICATED AT THE LAST MINUTE ABOUT
23 ONE PATIENT PER DAY ON AVERAGE IS DIVERTED AWAY FROM
24 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER TO THE NEXT CLOSEST HOSPITAL AND
25 AT HARBOR U.C.L.A., ABOUT TWO PATIENTS PER DAY. ONE OF THE



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1 ISSUES THAT CAME UP IN THAT DISCUSSION ABOUT DIVERSION WAS THE
2 CONCEPT OF A CENTRAL BASE STATION. AND YOU ASKED THAT WE SORT
3 OF OUTLINE THE STEPS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO COME TO A
4 CENTRAL BASE STATION. AND KATHY CHIDESTER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE
5 E.M.S. AGENCY IS HERE TO SORT OF DESCRIBE WHAT'S BEEN DONE AND
6 HOW WE SEE THAT GOING FORWARD.

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8 **KATHY CHIDESTER:** THE CONCEPT OF A CENTRAL BASE STATION IS
9 QUITE OLD. WHEN THE E.M.S. SYSTEM FIRST STARTED, THERE WAS THE
10 IDEA TO HAVE A CENTRAL BASE STATION. AT THAT TIME, THE
11 COMMUNITY AND HOSPITALS WANTED MORE INVOLVEMENT. SO THERE WAS
12 A PUSH TO HAVE MULTIPLE BAY STATIONS AND TO HAVE ANY HOSPITAL
13 THAT WISHED TO BE INVOLVED AND TO BE A BAY STATION, WHICH IS
14 GIVING MEDICAL ORDERS TO THE PARAMEDICS OVER THE RADIO, TO BE
15 INVOLVED. SO AT THAT TIME THERE WERE 40 HOSPITALS THAT WERE
16 BASE STATIONS. IN ORDER TO BE A BASE STATION, IT'S COSTLY. YOU
17 HAVE TO PAY ADDITIONAL SALARY TO NURSES, ADDITIONAL EDUCATION
18 AND HAVE RADIO COMMUNICATION IN PLACE. SO AS TIME HAS GONE ON,
19 HOSPITALS HAVE EVALUATED THEIR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITIES, A LOT
20 OF THEM HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE BASE HOSPITAL PROGRAM. AND SO
21 WE HAVE 20 HOSPITALS LEFT AS BASE STATIONS. THE IDEA OF A
22 CENTRAL BASE STATION WOULD HELP US AS AN E.M.S. SYSTEM TO
23 ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN MEDICAL ORDERS AND MEDICAL CARE THAT'S
24 GIVEN IN THE FIELD, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS ET CETERA. SO
25 WE HAVE FOCUSED ON A CENTRALIZED BASE STATION OR SUCH CONCEPT



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1 OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, AND THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE TO
2 PREPARE OURSELVES IS WITH OUR NEW FACILITY IN SANTA FE
3 SPRINGS, WE ACTUALLY HAVE AN AREA IDENTIFIED FOR THESE CENTRAL
4 BASE STATION. WE HAVE LOOKED AT DIFFERENT MODELS OF MEDICAL
5 CONTROL AND GIVING ORDERS TO THE PARAMEDICS IN THE FIELD,
6 EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY. WE'VE ESTABLISHED A
7 COMMUNICATION WITH THE STATE E.M.S. AUTHORITY, BECAUSE THERE
8 ARE REGULATIONS ABOUT BASE STATIONS AND HAVING THEM AS PART OF
9 HOSPITALS, SO WE'VE OPENED UP THE DIALOGUE ABOUT THE
10 REGULATIONS. WE'VE IDENTIFIED A FUNDING SOURCE FOR ALLOCATION
11 FOR THE CENTRAL BASE STATION FOR STAFF. WE HAVE ACTUALLY HIRED
12 A POSITION OF A NURSE TO START THE PROCESS OF THE CENTRAL BASE
13 STATION BY COMPLETING AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO
14 BEGIN THE PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTATION. AND WE HAVE TALKED TO
15 L.A.C.+U.S.C. EMERGENCY MEDICAL, THEIR BASE STATION PHYSICIAN
16 ABOUT SOME TYPE OF AFFILIATION WITH L.A.C.+U.S.C. AS WE
17 CONTINUE ON WITH OUR PROCESS. WE NEED TO RESOLVE THE
18 REGULATORY ISSUES. WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR ANALYSIS, LOOK AT
19 WHAT THE CONSTRAINTS ARE AND HOW WE CAN OVERCOME THESE HURDLES
20 AS WE CONTINUE ON IN THE PROCESS. THERE ARE ISSUES WITH RADIO
21 COMMUNICATION, TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION AND OUR EQUIPMENT THAT
22 WE NEED-- THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE WE COULD BEGIN A
23 CENTRAL BASE STATION PROCESS.
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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ARE THERE QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS WE NEED TO GET THE IDEAS WHAT THE ISSUES
5 ARE THAT ARE ON THERE REMAINING. I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO ASK
6 ABOUT IT, BUT MY CONCERN RIGHT NOW, IN THE CENSUS THAT WE HAD
7 FOR JANUARY, WE HAD BASICALLY 477 PATIENTS FOR THE 600 BEDS
8 THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. ARE WE STAFFED UP FOR
9 THE FULL 600?

10

11 **PETE DELGADO:** YES, WE ARE. WHERE WE ARE NOT, WE USE REGISTRY
12 TO COMPLIMENT.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO KNOW: ARE WE FULLY STAFFED UP TO
15 OPERATE 600 BEDS?

16

17 **PETE DELGADO:** YES.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ARE?

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21 **PETE DELGADO:** YES.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THOUGH WE ARE ONLY USING 477 LAST MONTH.

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25 **PETE DELGADO:** I BEG YOUR PARDON?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ONLY USED 477 BEDS LAST MONTH.

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4 **CAROL MEYER:** I THINK, SUPERVISOR, PART OF THE ANSWER TO THAT
5 IS THE REFLECTION OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE BEDS, SPECIALTY
6 BEDS, THAT WE ARE NOT USING, AND WE DO NOT STAFF BEDS THAT WE
7 DO NOT USE, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE TOO COSTLY.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION.

10

11 **PETE DELGADO:** THE DEMAND IS NOT THERE FOR SPECIALTY BEDS,
12 RIGHT NOW SO WE DON'T STAFF THOSE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DON'T STAFF THOSE AT ALL?

15

16 **PETE DELGADO:** WE STAFF AS THE DEMAND IS THERE. IF THE DEMAND
17 IS THERE, WE STAFF WITH OUR STAFF OR REGISTRY TO COMPLETE THE
18 STAFF THAT WE NEED.

19

20 **STEPHANIE HALL:** FOR EXAMPLE, IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO
21 ILLUSTRATE. OUR NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT HAS ON AVERAGE
22 HAD AN AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS OF BETWEEN 20 AND 24. AND THAT WAS
23 THE USUAL CENSUS BEFORE THE MOVE. AND IT HAS CONTINUED ABOUT
24 THAT AFTER THE MOVE. THE NEW HOSPITAL HAS A CAPACITY OF
25 LICENSE FOR 40 BEDS. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE A



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1 SUDDEN SURGE IN THE NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE. HOWEVER, IF THERE
2 IS A NEED, WE WILL BE ABLE TO STAFF ADDITIONAL BEDS. LIKEWISE,
3 OUR BURN CENSUS HAS BEEN AROUND 10 THIS LAST MONTH IT HAS
4 INCREASED TO AN AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS OF 12. AND WE ARE
5 STAFFING AS THE DEMAND COMES UP. BUT PREVIOUSLY OUR CENSUS IN
6 THE BURN HAS REALLY BEEN ABOUT 10 FOR OVER A YEAR AND A HALF.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ON THE MED-SURG BEDS THAT YOU HAVE, THOSE ARE
9 OF COURSE OVER CENSUS. SO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE IS
10 STAFFED.

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12 **STEPHANIE HALL:** THOSE ARE FULLY STAFFED, THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **PETE DELGADO:** FULLY STAFFED.

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** ONE AREA THAT WE ARE WORKING TO MEET THE DEMAND
17 IS IN OUR I.C.U. STAFFING. AND WE DO HAVE NURSES THAT ARE IN
18 TRAINING. WE ANTICIPATE THEY'LL BE COMPLETING THEIR
19 PRECEPTORSHIPS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS AND MORE
20 I.C.U. BEDS WILL BE AVAILABLE. WITH THAT IN MIND, WE DO REMAIN
21 WITH AN INCREASED CAPACITY OF I.C.U. BEDS. SO THAT AREA IS AN
22 AREA THAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER--

23

24 **PETE DELGADO:** THAT WILL EFFECT THE REDUCTION IN THE REGISTRY
25 THAT WE USE TO COVER THE I.C.U.S.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAVE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? GOOD,
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **CAROL MEYER:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WE NEED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THAT.
10 WE ALSO HAVE TWO SPEAKERS FIRST BEFORE WE DO THAT. I'D ASK DR.
11 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS TO COME FORWARD ON ITEM S-
12 2. PARDON ME? S-1, I'M SORRY.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I'VE SPOKEN A
15 FEW TIMES BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING
16 SOME OF THE THINGS, THE CHANGE ORDERS AND THE BILLING. LO AND
17 BEHOLD, YOU LOOK AT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, L.A. TIMES, COUNTY
18 U.S.C. CLOSES HELIPAD DUE TO EXHAUST FUMES. HOSPITAL PLAGUED
19 BY FUMES. IT STATES THAT IT SEEMS THAT THE AIR DUCTS, THE
20 VENTILATION SYSTEM, IS LOCATED TOO CLOSE TO THE HELIPAD. SO
21 WHEN HELICOPTERS ARE COMING IN, THE EXHAUST FUMES ARE FLOODING
22 PARTS OF THE HOSPITAL. HOW CAN THAT BE? IN 2004, THE FEDERAL
23 ADMINISTRATION WARNED THAT AIR QUALITY IN BUILDINGS COULD
24 COMPROMISED IF HELIPORTS WERE LOCATED TOO CLOSE TO FRESH AIR
25 VENTS. WHAT PINHEADS, TO QUOTE ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS, ARE



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1 GOING TO ROLL ON THIS? WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE REPAIRS?
2 \$90,000, I BELIEVE THEY STATED FOR NEW EXHAUST FILTERS. SAME
3 ARTICLE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR SPENT \$3 MILLION
4 BETWEEN 1994 AND 1998. DIDN'T HELP. \$250,000 A YEAR ON
5 CHARCOAL FILTERS. NONE OF IT WORKED. THE UNIVERSITY SCUTTLED
6 THE ROOF TOP HELIPAD WHEN THEY HAD TO REPLACE A LEAKY ROOF.
7 HOW, WHO, WHEN LOOKS AT THE PLANS HERE TO BUILD THIS HOSPITAL?
8 TO DISREGARD THE INFORMATION THAT'S OUT THERE? I CAN'T EVEN
9 ASK A QUESTION ON THIS. IT'S GOING TO BE FOREVER. WHAT'S THE
10 SENSE OF PUTTING IN THE PLANS? IS THIS A DESIGN BUILT ITEM
11 LIKE THE M.T.A. DOES? WHO'S OVERSEEING IT? ARE WE GOING TO
12 WAIT FOR A FOOTPRINT LIKE WE DID AT M.L.K., THE FOOTPRINT OF
13 THIS PLAN AND THE FOOTPRINT OF THAT PLAN? INSTEAD OF
14 FOOTPRINTS, THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING FINGERPRINTS, BY THE
15 WAY. BUT WHO IS ANSWERABLE FOR THIS FIASCO? NOBODY'S GOT--
16 DOESN'T ANYBODY HERE HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT HOW CAN WE PAY
17 ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN THIS PLAN WHEN THE F.A.A. WARNS IN 2004
18 THAT IT WILL LEAD TO PROBLEMS? WELL NOT IN L.A. WE'VE ALWAYS
19 GOT MORE MONEY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR
20 ATTENTION.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST SO IT'S NOT LEFT LIKE NO ONE CARES,
23 THERE IS A FULL INVESTIGATION GOING ON IN THE SITUATION. WE
24 WILL BE GETTING A REPORT BACK ON THE WHOLE SITUATION.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR. I UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE CARE,
2 BUT IT SHOULDN'T COME TO THIS POINT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND.

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
7 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL I'M GOING TO SAY THAT MR. SACHS
8 HAD SOME VERY GOOD POINTS, SPECIFICALLY WHEN THE F.A.A. A FEW
9 YEARS AGO MADE SOME FANTASTIC POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TO
10 DESCRIBE HOW AND NOT HOW TO DEVELOP A HELIPAD. I MEAN, IT
11 WOULD HAVE TAKEN SOMEBODY A FEW MINUTES TO JUST LOOK AT THE
12 POWERPOINT. I MEAN, THE POWERPOINT IS SO EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD
13 AND DESCRIBES FROM A TO Z WHAT TO DO AND NOT TO DO. I REMEMBER
14 THE ISSUE THAT U.S.C., YOU HAD CONSULTANTS GALORE THAT YOU
15 PAID MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO TO TRANSFER FROM THE OLD TO THE
16 NEW. THAT'S WHEN THEY ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THOSE THINGS.
17 NOBODY LOOKED AT IT. IT'S PATHETIC. I AM REALLY CONCERNED
18 ABOUT ALL THIS THING GOING ON. ALSO, THE REPORT YOU GOT THIS
19 MORNING, ALL OF THE CENSUS IS CHANGED ON THE REPORT. TWO KEY
20 ISSUES WERE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED IN
21 THOSE REPORT, IS THE PEOPLE, THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WHO LEAVE
22 THE HOSPITAL WITHOUT BEING SEEN. NOWHERE TO BE SEEN. AND THAT
23 IS HUGE, BECAUSE IT GOT BIGGER EVERY MONTH. THEN ANOTHER ISSUE
24 WHICH IS NOT THERE IS THE LENGTH OF TIME PEOPLE WAIT TO BE
25 SEEN. IT IS EASY, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT, THE WAY YOU CAN



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1 MAKE THINGS HAPPEN WHERE IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO BE DONE, ALL OF
2 A SUDDEN YOU USE A DIFFERENT CRITERIA TO MEASURE. PEOPLE LIKE
3 ME WHO LOOK AT RESEARCH, I AM VERY PICKY. WHEN SOMEBODY ALL OF
4 A SUDDEN CHANGES A FORMAT TO DELIVER THEIR FINDINGS. AND THOSE
5 TO ME ARE THE MOST TWO IMPORTANT THINGS WE DIDN'T HEAR TODAY.
6 THE AMOUNT OF TIME PEOPLE WAIT BEFORE BEING SEEN IN THE E.R.
7 AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE LEAVING WITHOUT BEING SEEN? THAT
8 REPORT SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN ACCEPTED THE WAY IT'S PRESENTED.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT.
12 GENEVIEVE, WHILE YOU'RE UP THERE, WHY DON'T YOU ALSO ADDRESS,
13 YOU HELD ITEM 9 AND 30?

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, ITEM 9. WELL, YOU KNOW, I AM
16 KIND OF AMAZED THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN WE'RE ASKING FOR TO
17 RECLASSIFY 89 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS IN 10 DIFFERENT
18 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. UP TO THIS DATE, I CAN NEVER RECEIVE
19 INFORMATION ABOUT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. HOW YOU CAN COME TO
20 A DECISION TO CHANGE SO MANY POSITIONS IN SO MANY DEPARTMENTS
21 WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE. I MEAN, I CANNOT BELIEVE
22 YOU CAN EVEN ASK FOR THAT. BECAUSE UP TO TODAY, WE DON'T EVEN
23 KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE USING. AND I
24 TOTALLY OBJECT TO THAT PERSONALLY. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 9 AND 30 ARE BEFORE US.
2 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
3 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I DO THINK IT'S
4 IMPORTANT, THOUGH, THAT ON ITEM S-1 THE QUESTIONS THAT
5 GENEVIEVE ASKED, THAT WAS TO BE PART OF THE REPORT IS ONE. THE
6 LENGTH OF THE WAIT AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LEAVING
7 WITHOUT BEING SEEN. SO IF WE COULD HAVE THE DEPARTMENT REPORT
8 BACK TO US, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS.
9 THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE ITEM S-2. WE'RE A FEW MINUTES EARLY
10 ON IT. WHAT ITEMS DO WE HAVE LEFT?

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 32.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE ITEM 32. WE HAVE A NUMBER
15 OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP ON THIS. OKAY. WE CAN DO THIS ONE OF TWO
16 WAYS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP. PROBABLY BEST TO
17 DO A STAFF REPORT FIRST. AND THEN WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE
18 PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ARE WE TAKING 32 RIGHT NOW?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE DEPARTMENT'S GOING TO COME FORWARD AND
25 WILL BE PRESENTING SOME INFORMATION.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ITEM 32.

3

4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, BASED ON A MOTION BY
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH LAST WEEK, YOUR BOARD INSTRUCTED THE
6 C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK ON THE STATUS OF ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING
7 THE MANAGEMENT OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS BY THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THIS COMES OUT OF THE AUDITOR-
9 CONTROLLER INVESTIGATION THAT WAS CONDUCTED REGARDING D.H.S.
10 EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO THE M.L.K. M.A.C.C. WHO WERE AT
11 THE HOSPITAL WHEN IT CLOSED. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER CAME UP
12 WITH THEIR REPORT IN SEPTEMBER. AND THEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 HUMAN RESOURCES IDENTIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 152
14 EMPLOYEES WHO HAD RESULTS ON THEIR LIVE SCAN TESTS DURING THAT
15 PREVIOUS SCANNING. AND ESSENTIALLY THE BASIC STATUS OF THE
16 OVERALL PROCESS IS THAT IN OCTOBER, THE DEPARTMENT REVISED AND
17 IMPLEMENTED OUR PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING AND DOCUMENTING THE
18 JOB NEXUS DETERMINATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS
19 THAT WERE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE
20 REVISED SCHEDULES OR POLICIES AND FORMS IS THE WORD I'M
21 SEEKING TO HELP THROUGH THAT DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. IN
22 OCTOBER WE CREATED A CENTRAL UNIT TO REVIEW JOB NEXUS
23 DETERMINATIONS. IN NOVEMBER WE TRAINED KEY STAFF ON MANAGERS
24 ON THE REQUIRED PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THAT. AND IN
25 DECEMBER WE CENTRALIZED THE RECEIPT OF D.O.J. CRIMINAL HISTORY



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1 RECORDS IN ORDER TO STREAMLINE THE PROCESS AND ENHANCE
2 SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JOHN, I DON'T MEAN TO BE ABRUPT. BUT WE
5 KNOW WHAT YOU'VE DONE. THE QUESTION HERE IS WHAT THE HELL
6 HAPPENED? AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO REMEDY THE SITUATION? WE
7 DON'T NEED A HISTORY OF WHERE YOU'VE BEEN BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT
8 THE BOARD DIRECTED YOU TO DO. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW THIS
9 HAPPENED AND HOW WE CAN SORT OF TELL THE PUBLIC THAT THIS
10 ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN AGAIN.

11

12 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, ARE WE SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY
13 ABOUT THE REGISTRY EMPLOYEE? IF SO, THE ISSUE THERE--

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL I ASSUME MR. ANTONOVICH DIDN'T
16 BRING THE MOTION IN OUT OF GENERALITIES.

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IN THE CASE OF THE
19 REGISTRY EMPLOYEE, THERE IS CLEAR COUNTY POLICY THAT ANYBODY
20 WHO IS BROUGHT IN ON REGISTRY IS TO BE LIVE SCANNED IF THEY'RE
21 IN A SENSITIVE POSITION. AND ALL DEPARTMENT POSITIONS IN THE
22 HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARE SENSITIVE POSITIONS, AND THAT THOSE
23 EMPLOYEES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROCESSED IN THROUGH HUMAN
24 RESOURCES. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE SUPERVISOR OF THE
25 REGISTRY EMPLOYEE, IN THIS CASE AT THE ROYBAL COMP CENTER, DID



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1 NOT FOLLOW COUNTY POLICY, DID NOT FOLLOW COUNTY PROCEDURES.

2 THIS SUPERVISOR BROUGHT SOMEONE IN OFF THE REGISTRY, AND--

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WAS THE SUPERVISOR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE
5 REGISTRY OR THE COUNTY?

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THE SUPERVISOR IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE
8 COUNTY, SUPERVISOR. AND CHOSE TO BYPASS THE H.R. PROCESS. SHE
9 TOLD US THAT SHE THOUGHT THIS WAS BECAUSE THE PERSON WAS ONLY
10 GOING TO BE THERE FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT NEVERTHELESS IT VIOLATED
11 THE POLICY. AND THIS PERSON WORKED AT THE FACILITY FOR 13 DAYS
12 BETWEEN DECEMBER 30TH AND JANUARY 30TH UNTIL THE ARTICLE
13 APPEARED IN THE L.A. TIMES A WEEK AGO SATURDAY, AND PEOPLE
14 STARTED COMPARING NAMES AND LOOKING AT IT AND SAYING, "WHOOPS,
15 THIS PERSON WORKS AT OUR FACILITY," AT WHICH POINT ON TUESDAY
16 AFTERNOON WE WERE NOTIFIED THAT, IN FACT, THE EMPLOYEE WHO HAD
17 BEEN PREVIOUSLY FIRED WAS REHIRED ON THE REGISTRY AND DID NOT
18 GO THROUGH COUNTY PROCESSES.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS WE HAD THE
23 DISCUSSIONS ON THIS TYPE OF ISSUE LATE LAST YEAR. AND THEN WE
24 FIND OUT WE'RE STILL TRYING TO CORRECT THE SITUATION THAT



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1 OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CORRECTED. WHAT REVISIONS WERE MADE FOR
2 REVIEWING THE JOB NEXUS DETERMINATIONS?

3

4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THE
5 CHANGES IN THE POLICIES THAT WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN TERMS OF HOW WE DETERMINE
7 WHETHER THERE'S NEXUS AND WHAT WE DO ABOUT IT. THE ISSUE THAT
8 JUST OCCURRED IS REALLY A PROCESS OF NOT EVEN GOING THROUGH
9 THAT PROCESS.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES OF THE MULTI-LAYER
12 REVIEW PROCESS?

13

14 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL THE MULTI-LAYER REVIEW PROCESS
15 REQUIRES THAT THERE BE A LIVE SCAN TO START WITH. THAT'S THE
16 BEGINNING. AND THEN IT REQUIRES THAT IF THERE'S A FINDING THAT
17 THERE'S A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND, THAT WE GO THROUGH THOSE
18 PROCESSES THAT WERE LAID OUT BY D.H.R. TO DETERMINE WHETHER
19 THERE'S A NEXUS WITH A PARTICULAR JOB AND WHETHER THAT
20 EMPLOYEE SHOULD BE HIRED IF IT'S NEW HIRE, OR PROMOTED OR
21 TRANSFERRED IF IT'S A TRANSFER OF PROMOTION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE FIRED PLACED ON A DO
24 NOT HIRE OR DO NOT SEND LIST? AND IF SO, WHEN WAS THIS



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1 ESTABLISHED? AND WHY WASN'T THIS INFORMATION CHECKED BY THE
2 SUPERVISOR WHEN THE EMPLOYEES WERE SENT TO THE FACILITY?

3

4 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THERE IS A DO NOT SEND LIST.
5 IT'S MOSTLY BEEN USED FOR REGISTRY STAFF THAT WE TURN AWAY AND
6 SAY AT SOME POINT "DON'T SEND THESE BACK TO US." BUT WE'RE
7 WORKING TO MAKE SURE THAT ANYONE THAT WE FIRE IS PUT ON THAT
8 SAME "DO NOT SEND" LIST. IF THIS EMPLOYEE HAD BEEN SENT FOR
9 LIVE SCAN AT H.R., THEY WOULD HAVE CLEARLY KNOWN AND
10 IDENTIFIED THIS PERSON-- HIM-- AND WOULD HAVE NOT PROCESSED
11 HIM IN.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CONTRACT STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE
14 PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY. WAS THIS INFORMATION
15 DISCLOSED BY MR. BEESLEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT?
16 AND IF SO, HOW DOES THIS CLEARANCE, WHICH IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE
17 WITH COUNTY POLICY, SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS?

18

19 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, BASED ON DOCUMENTS WE'VE SEEN
20 AND WAS ALSO DESCRIBED BY MEDISCAN, THE REGISTRY COMPANY
21 YESTERDAY, THERE WERE INACCURACIES AND FALSEHOODS IN THE
22 INFORMATION THAT MR. BEESLEY PUT ON HIS APPLICATION TO THE
23 REGISTRY COMPANY.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE DEPARTMENT DISCIPLINE THE SUPERVISOR
2 WHO CLEARED MR. BEASLEY'S REHIRING?

3

4 **DR. SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, AS SOON AS THE INVESTIGATION IS
5 COMPLETE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE DAYS, DISCIPLINE WILL BE
6 IMPLEMENTED FOR ONE OR MORE PERSONS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THIS
7 INCIDENT BASED UPON THE FINAL FINDINGS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN MR. BEESLEY'S CASE, IN ADDITION TO ISSUES
10 WHICH INVOLVE HIS CRIMINAL HISTORY, HE ALSO WORKED FOR SEVERAL
11 DAYS IN JULY 2008 DESPITE HAVING LET HIS LICENSE AS A
12 RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN EXPIRE. SO THE QUESTION IS: HOW DID THIS
13 HAPPEN? AND WHAT ACTIONS WERE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THIS DOES
14 NOT OCCUR IN THE FUTURE?

15

16 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THERE'S A PROCESS IN THE
17 DEPARTMENT WHEREBY WE TRACK THE LICENSURE AND THE EXPIRATION
18 OF LICENSURE OF LICENSED EMPLOYEES. AND THE UNIT IN H.R. THAT
19 DOES THIS SENDS OUT REMINDERS TO THE FACILITIES AHEAD OF TIME
20 OF THAT LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE SO THAT THE FACILITY CAN WORK
21 WITH THE EMPLOYEE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'VE GOTTEN THEIR
22 LICENSE RENEWED. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, IT APPEARS THAT HE
23 DID WORK FOR A COUPLE DAYS BEFORE HE GOT HIS LICENSE RENEWED.
24 AND THAT'S A FAILURE PRIMARILY OF THE FACILITY. BUT WE, IN
25 TERMS OF REMEDYING THIS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GIVE THE



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1 FACILITY NOTICE EARLIER AND REINFORCE IT SO THAT THERE'S LESS
2 CHANCE OR NO CHANCE IN THE FUTURE THAT PEOPLE WILL BE WORKING
3 WITHOUT A LICENSE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE STATE WILL ISSUE A
6 LICENSE, RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN LICENSE, TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
7 HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR RAPE AND CONVICTED?

8

9 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO
10 THAT. IN VARIOUS OF THE LICENSURE CATEGORIES, NURSING, FOR
11 INSTANCE, THEY'RE BEGINNING TO DO BACKGROUND CHECKS AS THEY
12 RENEW LICENSES, AS LICENSES COME UP. BUT THAT'S BEING HANDLED
13 BASED ON EACH BOARD THAT LICENSES DIFFERENT TYPES OF NURSING,
14 PHYSICIAN AND ALLIED HEALTH. AND I DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFIC
15 ANSWER ON RADIOLOGY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE DEPARTMENT INITIALLY AGREED WITH THE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO DISCHARGE 19 EMPLOYEES.
19 YOUR REPORT INDICATES THAT THIS HAS CHANGED. WE WOULD LIKE TO
20 HAVE A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT BACK IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON WHAT
21 CHANGES WERE MADE.

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** OKAY.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HE WAS DISMISSED
2 FROM U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER BECAUSE OF HIS CRIMINAL HISTORY.
3 AND HOW DOES HE END UP AT ROYBAL?

4

5 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, HE HAD WORKED AT L.A.C.
6 U.S.C., HE TRANSFERRED TO KING AND HE WAS DISMISSED FROM THE
7 M.L.K. M.A.C.C. THE EVEN HE ENDED UP AT ROYBAL IS HE CAME BACK
8 IN THROUGH THE REGISTRY, AND THEY DID NOT-- THE SUPERVISOR DID
9 NOT RUN HIM THROUGH LIVE SCAN.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN WE TAKE A PERSON FROM THE REGISTRY,
12 WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH LIVE SCAN AND HAVE BEEN
13 CERTIFIED. SO WE TAKE THEM WITHOUT DOING A CHECK?

14

15 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** NO, SUPERVISOR. EVERYONE WHO COMES INTO
16 OUR DEPARTMENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE LIVE SCANNED BY US, BY THE
17 COUNTY. EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN-- HAD A BACKGROUND CHECK FROM
18 THE REGISTRY, WHICH THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. BUT WE'RE
19 REQUIRED, OUR POLICY REQUIRES THAT WE LIVE SCAN THEM. IN THIS
20 CASE, THAT POLICY WAS NOT FOLLOWED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS POLICY WAS IGNORED BY THE DEPARTMENT
23 OF HEALTH SERVICES? OR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT?

24



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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THIS POLICY WAS IGNORED BY THE FACILITY,
2 BY THE SUPERVISOR AT THE FACILITY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AT THE FACILITY. SO THE SUPERVISOR AT THE
5 FACILITY CAN BYPASS YOUR PERSONNEL DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR OF
6 HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE COUNTY?

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I CAN INTERJECT SOMETHING. THE ANSWER IS
9 YES. BUT ANY POLICY IS ONLY AS GOOD AS PEOPLE WHO ENSURE OR
10 COMPLY WITH THAT POLICY. THIS IS A CLEAR INSTANCE WHERE A
11 POLICY WAS IN PLACE, WHERE TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED, WHERE AN
12 INDIVIDUAL WAS ASKED TO ACTUALLY SIGN STATING THAT SHE
13 UNDERSTOOD THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY BUT WHO, FOR WHATEVER
14 REASON, CHOSE NOT TO COMPLY WITH THAT POLICY. ANOTHER THING
15 YOU ASKED ABOUT THE REGISTRY'S CRIMINAL SCREENING OR
16 BACKGROUND PROCESS. THERE'S ALSO A WEAKNESS IN THAT PROCESS
17 BECAUSE THE DOCUMENTS I SAW INDICATED THE ONLY REVIEW, ONLY GO
18 BACK A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD. WHEREAS WITH LIVE SCAN YOU LOOK AT
19 THE TOTALITY, YOU LOOK AT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED WHILE AN
20 INDIVIDUAL IS AN ADULT. IF THERE'S ANY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND AND
21 NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. THAT IN ITSELF IS
22 FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG. AND SO YOU HAVE A SITUATION WHERE AN
23 INDIVIDUAL FAILED TO COMPLY WITH AN ESTABLISHED, WRITTEN AND
24 WELL-COMMUNICATED POLICY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE A MOTION THAT
2 I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE. "RECENT NEWS REPORTS HAVE UNDERSCORED
3 WEAKNESSES IN THE COUNTY'S OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE
4 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING PROCESS FOR CONTRACT AGENCIES
5 THAT PROVIDE CLINICAL STAFF. CURRENT COUNTY POLICY REQUIRES
6 ALL CONTRACT PERSONNEL TO BE PROPERLY SCREENED TO ENSURE THAT
7 FITNESS TO PROVIDE CARE FOR PATIENTS IN OUR COUNTY FACILITIES
8 AND CLINICS. THESE AGENCIES ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM THESE
9 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AS SPECIFIED IN THEIR CONTRACTS
10 WITH THE COUNTY. WE SHOULD NOT CONTRACT WITH AGENCIES WHO DO
11 NOT TAKE THESE REQUIREMENTS SERIOUSLY. HOWEVER THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF HEALTH SERVICES FAILED TO PROVIDE CLEAR AND PROPER
13 DIRECTION TO THESE AGENCIES IN SCREENING THESE INDIVIDUALS.
14 REQUIRING AGENCIES TO PERFORM THESE CHECKS ADDS AN ADDITIONAL
15 SAFEGUARD ON TOP OF THE COUNTY'S ESTABLISHED OPERATIONAL
16 PROTOCOLS. WHILE WE HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO PROTECT OUR
17 PATIENTS AND COUNTY FACILITIES, THE SAME ASSURANCES OF SAFETY
18 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS, NURSING
19 HOMES AND OTHER CARE FACILITIES. THE CLEAREST POINT FOR THIS
20 BACKGROUND CHECK IS AT THE TIME OF LICENSING BY THE STATE.
21 IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE CURRENT PRACTICES ARE AMONG
22 STATE AGENCIES AT THE TIME HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS SEEK THEIR
23 LICENSE, AS WELL AS ASSIST THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS PRIVATE
24 ORGANIZATIONS IN KNOWING THAT THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND OF THE
25 MEMBERS OF ITS POTENTIAL WORKFORCE HAS BEEN EVALUATED PRIOR TO



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1 LICENSING. ADDITIONALLY, WE WERE IS YOUR PRIZED TO LEARN FROM
2 THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES THAT AS MANY OF OUR
3 FACILITIES, COUNTY SECURITY DO NOT CHECK TO MAKE SURE STAFF
4 ENTERING THE BUILDINGS ARE WEARING APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION
5 BADGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY POLICY AND LICENSING
6 STANDARDS. THERE'S NO POINT IN HAVING A REQUIREMENT THAT
7 EMPLOYEES WEAR COUNTY BADGES IF THERE IS NO ONE ENFORCING THAT
8 POLICY. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THIS SHOULD BE THE ROLE OF OUR
9 SECURITY PERSONNEL, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND
10 THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY WERE NOT ENFORCING THESE POLICIES
11 WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE FAILURE TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY
12 THIS PERSON'S INAPPROPRIATE ASSIGNMENT TO A COUNTY FACILITY.
13 SO WE WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO
14 ESTABLISH A STANDARD COUNTYWIDE PROTOCOL TO BE USED BY ALL
15 REGISTRY AND TEMPORARY STAFFING AGENCY CONTRACTORS IN
16 PERFORMING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AS STIPULATED IN THE
17 COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH THESE AGENCIES. THIS OUGHT TO INCLUDE A
18 COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS CURRENTLY
19 BEING PERFORMED BY OUR CONTRACT AGENCIES AND WHETHER THEY MEET
20 THE COUNTY STANDARDS. TWO, EVALUATE THE PRACTICES BY ALL STATE
21 AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE
22 PROFESSIONALS REGARDING THE CONDUCTING OF CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
23 CHECKS AS A COMPONENT OF THE LICENSING PROCESS. THIS OUGHT TO
24 INCLUDE THE CRITERIA, STANDARDS AND EVALUATION PROCESSES USED
25 BY EACH AGENCY IN CONDUCTING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND



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1 DETERMINING THE FITNESS OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE WHO ARE
2 FOUND TO HAVE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND. REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS
3 ON THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE
4 POLICY REMEDIES THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ALL
5 LICENSED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS RECEIVE A STANDARDIZED
6 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK AS A CONDITION OF LICENSING AND WORK
7 WITH OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A
8 PROTOCOL FOR SECURITY AT D.H.S. FACILITIES, ENSURING THAT ALL
9 PERSONNEL ARE WEARING APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION BADGE IN
10 ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY POLICY." MR. CHAIRMAN.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WILL BE SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
13 MOLINA. I KNOW SHE HAS SOME QUESTIONS. I JUST WOULD ADD ON
14 ITEM 4 THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADD PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES, AS
15 WELL. BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOME OF THE SAME KINDS OF SITUATIONS.
16 AND OBVIOUSLY I SUPPORT THE MOTION. BUT, AGAIN, I HOPE WE'RE
17 NOT BACK IN A FEW MONTHS SAYING HOW IN THE HELL DID THIS
18 HAPPEN?

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** COUNT ON IT.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE CAN GET LEGISLATIVE RELIEF AND DO ALL
23 THE OTHER KIND OF THINGS, BUT, STILL, WE'VE GONE OVER AND OVER
24 AND OVER THIS. AND YOU STILL ASK THE QUESTION, HOW IN THE HELL
25 DID THIS HAPPEN? SO SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE VERY DISTURBING PART OF THIS INCIDENT.
3 IT'S VERY DISTURBING AT EVERY LEVEL. IT'S DISTURBING BECAUSE
4 WE PUT IN PLACE PROCESSES TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THAT. IT
5 IS DISTURBING THAT AFTER WE FOUND OUT WE HAD A RAPIST, THAT WE
6 PUT IN ANOTHER SET OF PROTECTIONS. IT IS DISTURBING BECAUSE
7 THE ONLY THING THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN WAS THAT NO ONE THAT WE KNOW
8 OF WAS RAPED ON OUR PREMISES BY THIS INDIVIDUAL. BUT IT COULD
9 HAVE HAPPENED. AND THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MOST DISTURBING OF
10 ALL. NOW, I SEE THE FAILURE AT THREE DIFFERENT CHECKPOINTS,
11 ALL OF WHICH FAILED US. FIRST OF ALL, OUR OWN INTERNAL
12 PROCESSES. FIRST OF ALL, THIS INDIVIDUAL, THIS SUPERVISOR WHO
13 WAS ALLOWED TO CALL REGISTRIES WITHOUT ANYBODY SUPERVISING HER
14 WAS TRAINED IN THE NEW PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES. WE PAID FOR
15 HER TRAINING. SHE WENT AND SAT THERE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS
16 THREE HOURS OR SIX HOURS OR SEVEN HOURS. AND IT'S MY
17 UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE SIGNED A DOCUMENT THAT SAID SHE WAS
18 TRAINED IN THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES. IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I KNOW THAT SHE ATTENDED THE TRAINING. SHE
21 IS ON THE ROSTER.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE SIGNED A ROSTER.

24

25 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT SHE PUT COTTON BALLS IN HER EARS SO SHE
3 REFUSED TO LISTEN TO IT, RIGHT? HOW DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE KNOW
4 THAT THEY LISTENED? THEY SIGNED A ROSTER AND THEN THEY WENT
5 AND TOOK A STARBUCKS BREAK. HOW DO YOU KNOW SHE WAS THERE?

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7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL--

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DON'T.

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11 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I KNOW SHE WAS THERE TO SIGN IN,
12 SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO SHE SIGNED IN AND THEN TOOK A BREAK AND LEFT.
15 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE POLICIES AND
16 PROCEDURES WERE.

17

18 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SHE DID NOT IMPLEMENT THE PROCEDURES,
19 SUPERVISOR.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO-- AND THIS IS VERY
22 TROUBLING TO HAVE TO GO TO THIS LEVEL. I MEAN THIS IS SO
23 SERIOUS THAT WHEN WE EMPOWER PEOPLE, WE PAY THEM AND WE
24 EMPOWER THEM. AND IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY THAT OUR ASSUMPTION
25 IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO FOLLOW BASIC RULES, AND WHEN WE TRAIN



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1 THEM IN NEW PROCESSES, THAT THEY'RE GOING TO HONOR THOSE
2 PROCESSES. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE BEEN
3 VIOLATED EVERY SINGLE TIME, THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE
4 PUBLIC, BY THE INEPTNESS OF THE PERSONNEL AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 HEALTH SERVICES, TO PROTECT US FROM THIS RAPIST, AT EVERY
6 LEVEL. SO WHEN EVEN WHEN WE FIND OUT WE'RE GOING TO PUT NEW
7 PROCEDURES IN PLACE BUT NOTHING HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE DON'T
8 FOLLOW IT. WE INVESTIGATE. YOU GET TO TAKE A VACATION. RIGHT?

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10 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR--

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I STAY HOME AND I'M GETTING PAID, THAT'S
13 USUALLY CALLED A VACATION.

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15 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, THE EMPLOYEE WAS PLACED ON
16 ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITH PAY.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WITH PAY. SORT OF LIKE A VACATION.

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20 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I'VE INDICATED THAT WE WILL MOVE
21 EXPEDITIOUSLY TO IMPLEMENT DISCIPLINE.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW EXPEDITIOUS IS THAT? I WAS TOLD THAT TODAY
24 THERE WOULD BE SOME ACTION. WHAT COULD BE TAKING SO LONG?

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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** JUST FINISHING THE REPORT. AND IN MY MIND-

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE STAYED UP LAST NIGHT TO
5 FINISHED IT. IS IT A WRITING PROBLEM? LET ME TELL YOU WHY I'M
6 SO CONCERNED. BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO GO A LITTLE
7 FURTHER. WHEN WE HAVE SITUATIONS LIKE THIS THAT SO VIOLATE US-
8 - AND THEY DO VIOLATE US-- MAYBE WHEN THE TRAINING GOES ON,
9 THERE HAS TO BE A DOCUMENT. "I HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN THE
10 FOLLOWING PROCEDURES. I UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES. I
11 WILL IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES. AND I KNOW THAT IF I
12 VIOLATE AND DO NOT IMPLEMENT THESE PROCEDURES, I WILL BE
13 DISMISSED. DISMISSED." LEGALLY COULD WE DO THAT? LIKE A
14 CONTRACT, RIGHT?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU DO IT EVERY TIME YOU TAKE YOUR
17 ETHICS TRAINING. YOU HAVE TO SIGN A DOCUMENT SAYING YOU'VE
18 BEEN THROUGH THE TRAINING.

19

20 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. YOU
21 CERTAINLY COULD REQUIRE CERTIFICATION FROM AN EMPLOYEE AFTER
22 ANY TRAINING THAT THEY WERE THERE AND THEY UNDERSTOOD IT AND
23 THAT THEY WOULD IMPLEMENT IT. THE DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES
24 FLOWING FROM THAT, I WOULDN'T WANT TO FORECLOSE AT THAT TIME



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1 TO INCLUDE DISMISSAL BECAUSE THERE ARE VARIOUS FACTORS THAT
2 COME INTO PLAY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT TELL AN EMPLOYEE RIGHT THERE AND THEN
5 THAT IF THERE IS ANY VIOLATION OF THOSE PROCEDURES THAT THEY
6 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR, THAT THEY CAN BE DISMISSED? THAT WAY WE
7 DON'T HAVE TO PAY HER FOR HER VACATION OR HIS OR HER VACATION,
8 FOR THEIR VACATION, RIGHT? THEY GET TO GO HOME WITHOUT PAY.

9

10 **RAY FORTNER:** THAT WOULD BE CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES HERE THAT'S GOING ON IS
13 THAT YOU GOT A BUNCH OF EMPLOYEES MAKING FUN OF US. I MEAN, WE
14 SIT HERE, WE'RE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO PROVIDE PATIENT CARE,
15 AND YET AT THE SAME TIME THEY'VE GOT EMPLOYEES WHO WE'RE
16 PAYING FOR, EMPOWERING THEM TO CARRY OUT OUR PROCESSES AND
17 PROCEDURES AND THEN TURNING AROUND AND IGNORING US. SO WHAT DO
18 YOU DO WITH SOMEONE WHO IGNORES US? DO WE JUST LET THEM
19 CONTINUE TO DO THAT? OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE TO SEND A MESSAGE TO
20 THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS. WHAT WOULD THAT MESSAGE
21 BE? THAT YOU GET TO TAKE A VACATION?

22

23 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK I INDICATED AND IT WAS
24 CERTAINLY REPORTED IN THE PAPER, I THINK THIS IS AN OUTRAGEOUS
25 ACTIVITY OR ACTION ON THE PART OF THIS SUPERVISOR. AND AS SOON



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1 AS WE'VE LOOKED AT ONE OR TWO THINGS THAT WE NEED TO FINISH UP
2 IN THIS INVESTIGATION, WE WILL ACT QUICKLY TO TAKE ACTION.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** QUICKLY IS NOT A WORD YOU CAN USE HERE, MR.
5 SCHUNHOFF. NOT QUICKLY. QUICKLY IS TO ACT BEFORE THE END OF
6 THE DAY. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING. ANYWAY, SO HERE WE ARE,
7 GIVING YOU NEW INSTRUCTIONS, NEW PROCESSES, NEW PROCEDURES
8 THAT I'M SURE THAT THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT DON'T SEEM TO BE
9 GETTING THE MESSAGE THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS, ARE GOING TO GET A
10 VACATION WITH PAY. AND SO I THINK WE NEED TO SEND A MESSAGE AS
11 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND THAT INVESTIGATION SHOULDN'T TAKE
12 MORE THAN 24 HOURS. IT EITHER IS OR IT ISN'T. RIGHT?

13

14 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I THINK YOUR
17 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION IS GREAT. AND I WOULD
18 SUGGEST A MOTION THAT WAS CO-AUTHORED BY YOURSELF AND
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH BE ADDED TO THAT SO THAT WE INCLUDE THAT
20 CERTIFICATION.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I APPRECIATE THAT, BILL. BUT MY ISSUE IS, IS THAT
23 AM I SUPPOSED TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESOLVE
24 THESE ISSUES IN THE FUTURE? I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THE DAY-TO-
25 DAY MANAGER FOR SOME OF THIS STUFF.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT BELIEVE ME, THAT'S THE LEVEL THAT NEEDS TO BE
5 DONE. AND PROBABLY, I NEED TO SET UP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
6 FOR EVERYBODY ELSE. THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE EMPOWERED TO
7 PROTECT US.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. WHEN JOHN AND I FIRST DISCUSSED
10 THIS MATTER, AND I WORKED WITH JOHN FOR OVER 20 YEARS, I'VE
11 NEVER SEEN HIM ANGRIER, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
12 ADDRESS THIS. I MENTIONED THIS IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF AN
13 INDIVIDUAL CLEARLY FAILING TO COMPLY WITH A DEPARTMENTAL
14 POLICY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND HOW HE COULD
17 GO HOME WITH PAY.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT YOU HAD A QUESTION. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS
20 THAT. BUT YOU HAD A QUESTION THAT SPOKE TO WHETHER OR NOT SHE
21 PAID ATTENTION OR THE PERSON PAID ATTENTION OR LISTENED DURING
22 THE TRAINING. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, AND I CAN'T PROVIDE A LOT OF
23 INFORMATION BECAUSE IT'S A DISCIPLINARY ACTION. IN RESPECT TO
24 HER OWN RIGHTS AS AN INDIVIDUAL, I CAN SAY THAT THERE'S A
25 MISSION OF UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE POLICY WAS AND A DECISION



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1 NOT TO COMPLY. AND SO THERE IS NO QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT THE
2 PERSON UNDERSTOOD. NOW WITH RESPECT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE
3 LEAVE, IT WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF
4 AN INVESTIGATION. YES, AN INVESTIGATION DOES TAKE TIME. AND I
5 KNOW THAT THE PREFERENCE WOULD BE ONE THAT WAS DONE AS YOU
6 SAID 24 HOURS, OR VERY QUICKLY. BUT WHAT HAPPENS IS WE ALL
7 HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF BECAUSE OF A CIVIL SERVICE PROCESS OF
8 NOT SUSTAINING AN ACTION, A DISCIPLINARY ACTION BECAUSE THE
9 FACTS, OR THE INFORMATION THAT THE ACTION WOULD BE BASED ON,
10 WAS EITHER INCOMPLETE OR INSUFFICIENT. IN THIS INSTANCE, IT'S
11 IMPORTANT THAT ALL THE I'S ARE DOTTED, T'S ARE CROSSED TO MAKE
12 SURE IT'S AS SOUND AND TIGHT AS POSSIBLE. BUT THE DEPARTMENT
13 HAS NOT-- HAS TAKEN THIS VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY. BECAUSE THIS IS
14 AN ISSUE THAT ASIDE FROM BEING JUST A GROSS EMBARRASSMENT, IT
15 WAS ABSOLUTELY IRRESPONSIBLE. AND JOHN DOES RECOGNIZE THAT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S VERY IRRESPONSIBLE. BESIDES GROSS
18 EMBARRASSMENT, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I TOTALLY AGREE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF IT HAD GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. THERE ARE ISSUES
23 THERE AND I HOPE YOU WILL RESOLVE THEM, AND I HOPE IT'S GOING
24 TO BE QUICK QUICK TO ME MEANS TOMORROW. IT DOESN'T MEAN WHEN I
25 FINISH WRITING THE REPORT. IT MEANS QUICK. I THINK WE NEED TO



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1 TAKE SOME ACTION. I DON'T KNOW. I KNOW WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH A
2 DUE PROCESS. THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL KINDS OF ISSUES AS
3 FAR AS DISCIPLINE IS CONCERNED. I'M SURE SHE'S ENTITLED TO ALL
4 KINDS OF CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS, WHICH WE TRY AND DO SO
5 THAT WHEN IN FACT SUPERVISORS OR PEOPLE TAKE ACTIONS AGAINST
6 EMPLOYEES THAT ARE WARRANTED, THEY ARE PROTECTED. IN THIS
7 INSTANCE, WHEN SOMETHING IS AS CLEAR AS THAT, I THINK WE NEED
8 TO FIND A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER HER DUE PROCESS OR
9 HIS DUE PROCESS IS, THAT WE HAVE INVESTIGATED ALL ASPECTS OF
10 IT, WHICH IS WHY I CONTINUE TO CHECK THAT OUR LEGAL COUNSEL IS
11 ON TOP OF THIS ISSUE AND KNOWS EVERY SINGLE ANSWER BEFORE
12 THESE QUESTIONS ARE ASKED, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT THESE
13 EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO FILE THESE GRIEVANCES ABOUT HOW UNFAIR
14 THIS WAS AND HOW THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN. AND SO WE NEED SAFEGUARDS
15 TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS GOING ON. AND I THINK, JOHN, I'D
16 HATE TO SEE YOU HERE ANOTHER COUPLE OF MONTHS WITH ANOTHER ONE
17 OF THESE SITUATIONS. YOU'VE GOT SOMEBODY WHO ENJOYS COMING IN
18 TO OUR SYSTEM PRETTY REGULARLY. AND IT SEEMS TO BE A JOKE FOR
19 HIM ON A REGULAR BASIS. NOW, THE NEXT VIOLATION IS THE PEOPLE
20 THAT WE EMPOWER TO BRING IN TRUSTED EMPLOYEES, TEMPORARY
21 EMPLOYEES, THESE ARE OUR REGISTRIES. NOW, THEY'RE ONLY AS GOOD
22 AS WE MONITOR THEM. AND I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO ASK ABOUT
23 MONITORING THEM BECAUSE I KNOW THAT'S A RUNNING GAG IN L.A.
24 COUNTY. SO IT DOES REALLY REQUIRE SOME INVESTIGATION, AS WELL.
25 AND I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THAT INVESTIGATION IS GOING TO TAKE.



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1 BUT I AM HOPING THAT YOU ALSO HAVE PEOPLE THAT KNOW EXACTLY
2 WHAT'S GOING ON. NOW, THIS INDIVIDUAL GOES IN AND FILLS OUT AN
3 APPLICATION. AND OBVIOUSLY THEY REVIEW IT, RIGHT?

4

5 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YET WHEN I READ IT, IT SHOWS HIS EMPLOYMENT
8 HISTORY WITH THE COUNTY. AND WHEN IT ASKED THE QUESTION, "THE
9 REASON FOR LEAVING", IT SAYS "A PROMOTION." HAVE YOU READ
10 THIS?

11

12 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** YES, THAT'S WHAT I SAID. HE FALSIFIED WHAT
13 HE SAID ABOUT WHY HE LEFT THE COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ANYONE WHO READ THIS WOULD SAY: WHY WOULD YOU
16 LEAVE? BECAUSE YOU GOT PROMOTED? YOU LEFT? SO HAVE WE GONE
17 BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING THIS
18 APPLICATION? I MEAN WE EMPOWER THEM, AS WELL. HAVE WE TALKED
19 TO THEM?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WAS AN APPLICATION MAINTAINED BY THE
22 REGISTRY.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. SO THE REGISTRY OWES US A DUTY, AS
25 WELL. BECAUSE WE'RE PAYING THEM CASH FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL THAT



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1 THEY SEND US. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT THAT INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN
2 CHECKED OUT. IN HIS APPLICATION, IT'S NOT THE ONLY LIE HE
3 TOLD, BY THE WAY.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THERE'S NO QUESTION
6 THAT THE REGISTRY'S RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH GOLLY, YOU WORKED AT THE COUNTY, YOU WERE
9 PROMOTED SO YOU LEFT?

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK WHAT IT IMPLIES IS THE REASON WHY HE
12 LEFT IS TO TAKE A PROMOTION. THE REASON WHY HE LEFT WAS TO
13 TAKE A HIGHER-LEVEL POSITION. THAT'S THE WAY I READ IT. BUT
14 THE FACT REMAINS, I MENTIONED THAT THE REGISTRY HAD A PRACTICE
15 OF REVIEWING ONLY THE PAST SEVEN YEARS OF A PERSON'S--

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M JUST ASKING LAST MONTH. IT SAID HE WAS
18 TERMINATED. HE STARTED WORKING FOR THE REGISTRY THE FOLLOWING
19 WEEK. AND THE REASON HE LEFT L.A. COUNTY IS BECAUSE OF A
20 PROMOTION. YOU THINK SOMEBODY WOULD QUESTION THAT. I MEAN, YOU
21 DON'T GET A PROMOTION BY GOING AND WORKING AS A REGISTRY. YOU
22 GET A PROMOTION IF YOU GET A GOOD JOB SOMEWHERE ELSE IN
23 ANOTHER STATE. SO SOMEBODY WOULD QUESTION SOME OF THIS STUFF.
24 SO OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE AN ISSUE, AS WELL, WHICH IS THE SECOND
25 ISSUE. BESIDES OUR OWN INTERNAL PROCESSES, WE ALSO HAVE AN



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1 ISSUE WITH REGARD TO THE PEOPLE WE EMPOWER UNDER THESE
2 REGISTRIES AS FAR AS MONITORING WHAT THEY DO. WHETHER IN FACT
3 THEY CHECK FOR ONLY SIX MONTHS, IS THAT ON THE CONTRACT? THEY
4 ONLY HAVE TO CHECK FOR SIX MONTHS? IS THAT ON THE CONTRACT?

5

6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THERE'S ANOTHER VIOLATION. WE JUST LET THEM DO
9 THAT ALL DAY LONG? AND THEN WE PAY THEM FOR THESE PEOPLE THAT
10 THEY SEND OVER. I MEAN HOW DO WE KNOW? I MEAN THESE PEOPLE ARE
11 SUPPOSED TO BE LICENSED. SO THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO CHECK THOSE
12 THINGS.

13

14 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THEY ARE. AND WE ARE SUPPOSED TO, TOO.
15 WE'RE SUPPOSED TO, WHEN THEY'RE PROCESSED IN THROUGH H.R. WE
16 CHECK THEIR LICENSE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU NEVER MONITOR THAT ANY OF THESE REGISTRIES DO
19 THEIR DUE DILIGENCE ON THEIR END OF IT, THEN YOU DON'T KNOW.
20 OKAY? YOU JUST NEED A NURSE RIGHT AWAY. YOU NEED A HEALTH
21 WORKER RIGHT AWAY. SO THESE PEOPLE COME IN. AND YOU NEED THEM
22 RIGHT AWAY. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT GIVES YOU ENOUGH TIME
23 TO DO ALL THE WORK THAT YOU NEED TO DO. GRANTED, EVEN THOUGH
24 PROCESSES HAVE BEEN VIOLATED HERE. BUT MY CONCERN IS I THINK
25 YOU NEED TO DO AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK WITH THESE REGISTRIES. AND



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1 THIS IS A SITUATION WHERE THIS INDIVIDUAL LIED ON HIS
2 APPLICATION TO THE REGISTRY, BUT THEY ALSO HAD A
3 RESPONSIBILITY OF DUE DILIGENCE TO US TO AT LEAST HAVE SOME
4 INFORMATION ON THERE. AND EVEN ASK THEM BASIC QUESTIONS. AS
5 FAR AS THE CRIMINAL PAST, I DON'T KNOW. I REALLY DON'T KNOW
6 HOW SOMEONE COULD CHECK A CRIMINAL RECORD. AND I DON'T KNOW
7 HOW FELONIES GET ERASED FOR SEVEN YEARS.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THEY DON'T.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES ANYONE KNOW? I MEAN HOW COULD THEY HAVE
12 REALLY DONE IT IF IN FACT IT WOULD NOT HAVE SHOWN UP? IT
13 DOESN'T DISAPPEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS. DOES IT? ON A CRIMINAL
14 CHECK?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING IT SHOULDN'T.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO OBVIOUSLY YOU HAVE AN AGENCY THAT DOESN'T DO
19 CRIMINAL CHECKS EVEN THOUGH THEY TELL YOU.

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT
22 THIS COMPANY COMPLIED WITH THE CONTRACTUAL TERMS. AT THIS
23 POINT IN TIME, WE'RE NOT ACCEPTING ANY NEW STAFF FROM THIS
24 COMPANY. THE ONLY STAFF-- WE'RE ALSO REINFORCING IN D.H.S. THE
25 REQUIREMENT-- AGAIN, THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT FOR ANY NEW



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1 EMPLOYEES REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY'RE HIRED, BUT TO BE LIVE
2 SCANNED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THAT ALSO WAS NOT COMPLIED WITH. WE
3 ARE LOOKING AT THIS CONTRACTOR. WE HAVE SENT A LETTER TO THE
4 CONTRACTOR STOPPING ANY NEW HIRES. WE'RE INSURING THAT ANYONE
5 WHO IS WORKING THROUGH A REGISTRY HAS GONE THROUGH THE H.R.
6 PROCESS. THIS PERSON SHOULD HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO H.R. BEFORE
7 HE WALKED IN THROUGH THE RADIOLOGY UNIT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S THE ORIGINAL PROBLEM. BUT THE OTHER ISSUE
10 IS THAT WHEN YOU HAVE THESE REGISTRIES THAT TELL YOU-- AND I
11 HAVE THE REGISTRY REPORT THAT THEY DID ON HIM, AND IT SAYS
12 THAT THEY DID A NATIONAL CRIMINAL CHECK. THEY DID THE NATIONAL
13 SEX OFFENDER CHECK. THEY DID AN O.I.G. COMPLIANCE CHECK, A
14 SOCIAL SECURITY TRACE. AND NONE OF THIS SHOWS THAT THIS MAN
15 HAD COMMITTED THESE FELONIES.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT THAT SAME FORM ALSO SPEAKS TO A SEVEN-YEAR
18 PERIOD.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. MR. FUJIOKA, I WILL ASK YOU ONE
21 MORE TIME. WHY WITHIN A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD DOES A FELONY GET
22 ERASED FROM A NATIONAL CRIMINAL RECORD?

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT SHOULD NOT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE RIGHT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS THE JOB HE APPLIED FOR WHEN HE GOT
6 THIS JOB?

7

8 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RADIOLOGY TECH.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY THE JOB HE APPLIED
11 FOR? THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT IS A WHOLE AREA WHERE, AGAIN, YOU HAVE TO
14 LOOK AT ALL OF THESE REGISTRIES BECAUSE THEY ALSO ARE NOT
15 TAKING VERY SERIOUSLY THIS PROCESS AT ALL. SO THEY ARE
16 REFERRING PEOPLE TO US THAT OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE NOT HONORING
17 THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. WE'RE PAYING THEM FOR IT AS A SERVICE.
18 THEN FINALLY, THERE IS THE ISSUE OF SECURITY. NOW, I MAKE AN
19 ASSUMPTION. AND MAYBE AN INCORRECT ONE. THAT WHEN YOU ISSUE
20 SOMEBODY A BADGE-- AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING IN ALL OF OUR
21 HEALTH FACILITIES, PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WEARING THEIR
22 BADGES ALL DAY, CORRECT?

23

24 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** CORRECT.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY?

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3 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** FOR A VARIETY OF SECURITY REASONS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SECURITY REASONS.

6

7 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** BUT ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO
8 ARE IN PATIENT CARE AREAS ARE IN FACT COUNTY STAFF OR COUNTY-
9 REFERRED STAFF WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE THERE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, AGAIN, THIS PERSON WHO WAS ASSIGNED, WHAT WAS
12 HIS POSITION AGAIN?

13

14 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** RADIOLOGY TECH.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE WAS AN X-RAY TECHNICIAN. SO DID HE HAVE A
17 BADGE?

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19 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** HE DID NOT HAVE A COUNTY BADGE, NO.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO OUR SECURITY PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO CHECK THAT
22 BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THEIR JOB, CORRECT?

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24 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** NO. IN MY VIEW, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
25 ASSURING THAT STAFF HAVE AN APPROPRIATE COUNTY BADGE IS A DUAL



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1 RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN THE FACILITY ADMINISTRATORS, THE
2 SUPERVISORS IN THE FACILITY, AND THE SECURITY. I THINK
3 SECURITY PLAYS A ROLE, BUT I THINK THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEED
4 TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING A POLICY AND PROCEDURES
5 WITHIN THIS FACILITY ARE THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE FACILITY.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT WRITTEN? IS THAT DOCUMENTED? SO THAT THEY
8 WALK IN AND THEY GO AROUND CHECKING BADGES ALL DAY LONG? IS
9 THAT PART OF THEIR JOB?

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11 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T THINK IT IS WELL ENOUGH
12 DOCUMENTED. THAT'S ONE OF THE FOLLOW-UP ISSUES WE NEED TO DO,
13 IS TO BE VERY CLEAR WITH ALL THE FACILITY ABOUT THEIR
14 RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY
15 AND WITH THEIR CONTRACTED SECURITY FIRM, AS WELL.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I TALKED TO THEM AND THEY SAID IT'S NOT THEIR JOB
18 TO CHECK BADGES. NOT IN THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION.

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20 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IT CAN BE.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT ISN'T.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHO TOLD YOU IT'S NOT?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** O.P.S.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TOLD YOU IT'S
4 NOT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOT THEIR JOB.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YET WE HIRE THEM BECAUSE THE ASSUMPTION IS
11 THAT SECURITY IS GOING AROUND CHECKING BADGES. YOU HAVE
12 EMPLOYEES PUTTING ON BADGES ALL DAY LONG. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE
13 FAKE BADGES THAT PEOPLE MAKE, AND THAT COULD HAVE BEEN GOING
14 ON, BUT THIS WASN'T EVEN THAT. HE JUST WASN'T WEARING THE
15 APPROPRIATE BADGE. YET HE WAS GOING BEHIND WHERE THERE'S ONLY
16 SUPPOSED TO BE PEOPLE THAT ARE APPROPRIATELY SCREENED AND
17 REVIEWED. AND WHEN YOU CHECK WITH SECURITY, ALL OF A SUDDEN,
18 YOU KNOW THAT WHOLE OLD JOKE "AIN'T MY JOB"?

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20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WAS AN UNACCEPTABLE ANSWER.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT IS THE ANSWER.

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT SHOULD NOT BE THE ANSWER.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT IS THE ANSWER.

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3 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND A HEALTHCARE FACILITY--

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE ANSWER YOU GOT. BUT IT IS NOT
6 THE RIGHT ANSWER.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. IT IS THE RIGHT ANSWER BECAUSE IT'S NOT IN
9 THEIR JOB DESCRIPTION.

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11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MAINTAINING--

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT WHEN WE GO TO CIVIL SERVICE, IT IS WHAT IT
14 IS. "IT WASN'T IN MY JOB DESCRIPTION," RIGHT? SO WE'RE GOING
15 TO LOSE THAT CASE.

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17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE ARE DOCUMENTS IN OUR COUNTY POLICIES AND
18 D.H.S. POLICIES THAT SPEAK TO THE REQUIREMENT OF WEARING AN
19 I.D. BADGE. IT ALSO SPEAKS TO THE SECURITY STAFF ENSURING
20 THAT, LOOK AT THE SAFETY ISSUE, SECURITY.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN I ASKED THE QUESTION YESTERDAY, BILL, I SAID
23 WHAT DOES SECURITY DO IF THEY DON'T CHECK BADGES? THEY CREATE
24 A PRESENCE IS WHAT THE ANSWER WAS.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT THE INDIVIDUAL THAT ANSWERED YOU DOESN'T
2 MEAN NECESSARILY HE WAS GIVING YOU THE RIGHT ANSWERS. HIS
3 ANSWERS WERE TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE AND OUTRAGEOUS.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST FIGURE WHEN I TALK TO SECURITY PERSONNEL,
6 I FIGURE THEY'RE GIVING ME THE RIGHT ANSWER. WHO AM I SUPPOSED
7 TO TALK TO? DO YOU WANT NAME, RANK AND SERIAL NUMBER, I'LL
8 GIVE IT TO YOU.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** FOR SOMEONE TO SAY, WHO'S A SECURITY PERSON,
11 I'M ONLY HERE TO CREATE A PRESENCE IS ABSURD. I WAS IN THE
12 ROOM WITH YOU WHEN THEY SAID THAT. I HEARD YOUR PHONE CALL,
13 THAT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY ACCURATELY PORTRAYING OR REPEATING WHAT
14 THE PERSON SAID. BUT IT DOESN'T STILL EXCUSE THE
15 OUTRAGEOUSNESS OF SAYING "I'M ONLY HERE TO CREATE A PRESENCE"
16 THEY'RE HERE TO MAINTAIN THE SECURITY OF THE FACILITY.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** BILL, I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, I'M OVERALL
19 TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT WE AS BOARD MEMBERS ARE
20 TRYING TO CREATE A SERIES OF SAFEGUARDS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
21 HAS JUST PUT IN A MOTION: DO THE FOLLOWING THINGS, RIGHT? OUR
22 ASSUMPTION IS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT, NUMBER ONE. AND
23 THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS GOING TO DO IT. AND WE'RE GOING TO BE
24 FURTHER PROTECTED. BUT THEN YOU GET CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS THAT



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1 ARE MADE THAT WHEN YOU WEAR A BADGE AND YOU HAVE A SECURITY
2 DETAIL, THAT SOMEBODY'S RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THE BADGE.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YOU'RE RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT NOW WHEN I CALLED UP AND THEY SAID "HEY, IT
7 AIN'T MY JOB" I'M SUPPOSED TO SIT AT MY SECURITY KIOSK AND
8 I'LL GET CALLED WHEN THERE'S A PROBLEM LIKE A FIGHT OR AN
9 ISSUE, THEN I HAUL SOMEBODY OUT. OR I WALK AROUND AND CREATE A
10 PRESENCE WAS THE RESPONSE I GOT. SO I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING
11 HERE IS THAT WE REALLY HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT STEM FROM
12 THIS. AND WE REALLY NEED TO INVESTIGATE ALL OF THEM. BECAUSE
13 THE ONLY FORTUNATE THING FOR US IS THAT NOBODY'S LIFE WAS IN
14 DANGER. THERE WAS NO OTHER VIOLATION. IT COULD HAVE BEEN A
15 CHILD. AND I THINK YOU HAVE TO THINK THAT WAY WHEN YOU START
16 LOOKING AT WHAT WE NEED TO CORRECT. IT ISN'T JUST GOING OUT
17 AND IMPLEMENTING SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION AND SAYING
18 "OKAY, NOW WE'RE ALL SAFE." IT IS A MATTER OF AUDITING YOUR
19 OWN SYSTEMS WHEN THEY FAIL TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SAFE AND
20 THAT WHAT WE SAY IS WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND I THINK THIS IS THE
21 FAILING HERE. AND SO I AM BEING SO DRAMATIC ABOUT ALL OF THIS
22 BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE TOLERATED
23 ANY MORE. WE KEEP BEING TOLD 100 WHICH WAYS. AND THIS STARTED
24 WAY BACK FROM THE MARTIN LUTHER KING INCIDENT IN THE HOSPITAL.
25 AND THAT'S BEEN CLOSED FOR A WHILE, UNFORTUNATELY. AND WE ARE



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1 STILL SUFFERING THOSE ISSUES TODAY. HEAVEN KNOWS, WE'RE
2 PROBABLY GOING TO SUFFER THEM SOME MORE TOMORROW. BUT IT
3 REALLY REQUIRES EACH OF YOU TO TAKE THESE INCIDENTS AND WORK
4 BACKWARDS. WHAT HAPPENED HERE? HOW DO WE PREVENT THIS FROM
5 HAPPENING AGAIN? HOW DO WE PROVIDE ASSURANCES? IF YOU ONLY GO
6 SO FAR AS TAKING THE EMPLOYEE OUT OR WHOEVER ALLOWED HIM TO
7 CONTINUE TO WORK, IT ISN'T ENOUGH. BECAUSE I NEED TO POINT OUT
8 TO YOU THAT THE REGISTRY, WHO HAS A CONTRACT RESPONSIBILITY TO
9 US, IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE. EVEN THOUGH ON THEIR STATEMENT THEY
10 VERY CLEARLY SAY, "HEY, WE AIN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THIS
11 INFORMATION." SO THEY'RE OFF THE RECORD LEGALLY, OKAY? SO HAD
12 THIS PERSON VIOLATED A CHILD OR SOMEONE, THEY'RE ALL LIKE,
13 "HANDS OFF, AIN'T MY JOB, I DON'T DO THAT." AND SO EVERYBODY
14 HAS PROTECTED THEMSELVES BY SAYING "THAT'S NOT WHAT I DO." OUR
15 ASSUMPTION WOULD HAVE BEEN, OUR ASSUMPTION WOULD HAVE BEEN
16 THAT WE SCREEN THEM ON DAY ONE WHEN THEY COME IN. THEY GET
17 SCREENED BY THE REGISTRY THAT BRINGS THEM HERE. THEY GET
18 REVIEWED BY SECURITY PEOPLE WHEN THEY WALK IN THE DOOR. ALL OF
19 THAT FAILED HERE. SO ALL OF IT REQUIRES AN AUDIT AND A REVIEW.
20 SO WHILE WE'RE IMPLEMENTING THIS LATEST MOTION, IT REALLY
21 REQUIRES EACH OF YOU IN ALL OF THESE AREAS, YOUR
22 ADMINISTRATORS AT THE TOP LEVEL, YOUR H.R. PEOPLE, YOUR
23 SECURITY PEOPLE-- I DON'T WANT TO BE PAYING FOR A SECURITY
24 GUARD THAT SITS AROUND IN A KIOSK ALL DAY. OR WALKS AROUND
25 CREATING A PRESENCE. THAT'S NOT-- THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO



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1 CARRY OUT THEIR ROLE. AND IF IT'S NOT IN THEIR JOB
2 DESCRIPTION, SOMEBODY'S GOT TO START WRITING IT. SO I'M SORRY
3 TO BE SO DIFFICULT, BUT THIS IS SUCH AN OUTRAGEOUS ACT, SO
4 TRULY OUTRAGEOUS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW SOME OF US FEEL
5 ABOUT IT. AND WE'RE VERY WORRIED THAT YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE
6 THIS NEW MOTION AND JUST DO IT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF WHAT HE
7 SAID. NUMBER ONE, NUMBER TWO. YOU'VE GOT TO GO BEYOND THAT.
8 BECAUSE YOU HAVE SYSTEMS THAT YOU HAVE PUT IN PLACE THAT ARE
9 FAILING US. SO YOU NEED TO AUDIT THOSE SYSTEMS. YOU NEED TO
10 GET ALL OF YOUR PERSONNEL TO START WORKING NIGHT AND DAY TO
11 FIGURE OUT HOW TO SOLVE THESE ISSUES. BECAUSE WHAT THEY'RE
12 TELLING US WHILE THEY'RE TELLING US ALL DAY LONG, TELLS US
13 TODAY THAT WHAT THEY'VE BEEN SAYING IS TOTALLY UNTRUE. AND
14 THAT'S UNFORTUNATE FOR ALL OF US.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THREE
19 OBSERVATIONS WILL SUFFICE, THE FIRST OF WHICH IS THAT THE
20 MANTRA OF ZERO TOLERANCE HAS TO JUST BE PROPOUNDED WITH THE
21 KIND OF REGULARITY THAT CAN'T BE AVOIDED. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU
22 REACH CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
23 SERVICES ABSENT THE ROUTINE REFRAIN OF JUST THAT. AND THE
24 APPROPRIATE WAYS TO FOLLOW UP ON IT SEEM TO ME TO BE WELL
25 WITHIN THE REACH OF THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE IN THE



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1 LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT ACCORDINGLY. AND THE
2 C.E.O. HAS ALREADY SPOKEN TO THAT IN PART. SO THAT'S THE FIRST
3 ONE. WHAT DOES ZERO TOLERANCE REALLY LOOK LIKE AND WHAT DOES
4 IT MEAN? THE SECOND POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS, THE OFFICE OF THE
5 INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WAS A
6 DISCUSSION ITEM THAT WE HAD A FEW WEEKS BACK. IT SEEMS TO ME
7 THAT THIS IS A CASE STUDY OF CONSEQUENCE FOR SUCH AN OFFICE.
8 THERE'S BEEN LONG-STANDING CONCERNS ABOUT SUCH A ROLE, AND
9 THIS WOULD THEN BE CLASSIC FOR WHAT I WOULD THINK SUCH AN
10 OFFICE COULD LOOK INTO AND HELP CORRECT, IN VIEW OF THE FACT
11 THAT THERE SEEMS NOT TO BE A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF
12 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WOULD ANTICIPATE AND DEAL WITH THIS
13 PROBLEM OR THESE SORTS OF PROBLEMS OTHERWISE. IT MAKES A
14 COMPELLING CASE FOR THE NEED FOR SUCH AN OFFICE. A THIRD POINT
15 I WANT TO MAKE IS WITH RESPECT TO THE MOTION, THE ANTONOVICH-
16 MOLINA MOTION ON THE LEGISLATIVE REMEDIES. MAY I CALL TO THE
17 ATTENTION OF THE C.E.O. S.B.-868, WHERE IN FACT THE LAW HAS
18 ALREADY BEEN CREATED TO DEAL WITH BACKGROUND CHECKS. AND A LOT
19 OF DEBATE, A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS OF IT,
20 FINGERPRINTING AND THE LIKE, ALREADY THERE. AND I THINK IT
21 PROVIDES A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF WHAT
22 MIGHT BE REPLICATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF OUR TIGHTENING THE
23 NET. IN THE INSTANCES OF THOSE WHO ARE REPEAT OFFENDERS AND
24 THOSE WHO SEEM TO HAVE A CONGENITAL PREDILECTION TOWARDS THESE
25 SORTS OF PROBLEMS. THOSE ARE THE THREE POINTS I WISH TO MAKE,



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1 MR. CHAIR. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE PROBLEMS ARE SYSTEMIC
2 IN NATURE, AND THEY OUGHT TO BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YEAH, I THINK, TOO, THE FACT
5 THAT WE HAVE THAT INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE, THIS WOULD BE
6 A PERFECT EXAMPLE TO MONITOR AND FOLLOW UP, AND TO LOOK AT
7 THIS WHOLE SITUATION AS IT RELATES NOT ONLY TO THE MOTION, BUT
8 AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID, TO LOOK WAY BEYOND THE ONE, TWO,
9 THREE AND FOUR

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE A PACKAGE
14 AVAILABLE. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS. IF YOU ALL CAN MOVE UP
15 THERE. A NUMBER OF FOLKS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP. WE'RE GOING TO
16 GIVE YOU A COUPLE MINUTES EACH. JOSHUA KIM. HILLARIE LEVY. DR.
17 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. AND STEPHANIE SAUTER. THE FOUR OF YOU CAN
18 COME UP FIRST. AND THEN AS ONE SPEAKER IS FINISHED, I'LL CALL
19 UP THE OTHERS. FOUR CHAIRS. JUST TAKE A CHAIR. WHOEVER WOULD
20 LIKE TO GO FIRST, JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD AND
21 PROCEED. YOU WILL HAVE TWO MINUTES EACH. OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD
22 LIKE TO GO FIRST?

23

24 **JOSHUA KIM:** MY NAME IS JOSHUA KIM. I AM AN ATTORNEY AT A NEW
25 WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. I SEE MANY PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL



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1 RECORDS TRYING TO COME BACK INTO SOCIETY DAY IN AND DAY OUT.
2 AND THOSE ARE MY CLIENTS. THE PROBLEM THAT I SEE IS THEY COME
3 BACK TO TRY TO MAKE THEIR LIVES AGAIN. AND THEY'RE CALLED BY
4 THE NAMES, THEIR WORST ACTIONS, BASICALLY, FOR THE REST OF
5 THEIR LIVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA KEPT CALLING MR. BEESLEY A
6 RAPIST AND RAPIST, AND I THINK WE FAIL TO SEE THAT HE'S BEEN
7 RAPE-FREE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S WHAT?

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11 **JOSHUA KIM:** HE'S BEEN RAPE FREE FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, AND I
12 THINK WE CAN CONTINUE TO LABEL HIM A RAPIST FOR THE REST OF
13 HIS LIFE, ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT BE A REHABILITATED PERSON AND A
14 PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE KNOW THAT HE CONTINUES TO BE A LIAR. WOULD
17 THAT HAVE BEEN BETTER?

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19 **JOSHUA KIM:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU WOULD HAVE MORE EVIDENCE
20 FOR SAYING THAT. AND I THINK IT'S OKAY TO FIRE HIM OR NOT HIRE
21 HIM FOR THAT PURPOSE, FOR THAT REASON. BUT TO FIRE HIM OR NOT
22 HIRE HIM WHEN HE'S BEEN, AGAIN, RAPE-FREE, NOT A RAPIST FOR
23 THE PAST 10 YEARS I THINK REACHES TOO FAR AND GOES AGAINST THE
24 IDEA OF REHABILITATION. AND WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE
25 FACT THAT IF WE RESPOND TO THIS PROBLEM OF OVERSIGHT, OF AS



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1 YOU CALL IT A FAILURE IN THE SYSTEM BY TIGHTENING THE NET, BY
2 MAKING IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO COME BACK TO OUR
3 SOCIETY AS PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS AFTER THEY SERVED THEIR SENTENCE
4 AND BECOME REHABILITATED, AND I THINK WE DO A DISSERVICE TO
5 THEM. SO WHAT I'D RECOMMEND THAT WE DO IS WE MAKE THESE
6 POLICIES TRANSPARENT. SO THAT WE KNOW AND THE PEOPLE COMING
7 BACK FROM PRISONS AND JAILS KNOW WHAT JOB NEXUS MEANS, SO THEY
8 DON'T HAVE TO WASTE THEIR RESOURCES TRYING TO FIND JOBS AND
9 GETTING DENIED OVER AND OVER AGAIN AS THEY ARE TODAY. AND
10 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HILLARIE LEVY.

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16 **HILLARIE LEVY:** MY NAME IS HILLARIE LEVY, ACCORDING TO A RECENT
17 L.A. TIMES ARTICLE, THE BOARD DOWNPLAYED THE CRIME OF A PAST
18 RAPE CONVICTION OF A LONG-TIME COUNTY HEALTH EMPLOYEE IN
19 DEFENSE OF THEIR HIRING AND PROMOTION PRACTICES. OTHER AREAS
20 OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT ALSO REQUIRE REVIEW. EACH SUPERVISOR HAS
21 BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE DECEMBER 11TH, 2008 FAIR POLITICAL
22 PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN SACRAMENTO. AGENDA NUMBER
23 9 CONCERNS A VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87300 AND
24 \$200 FINE BY A DESIGNEE WITH THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION
25 COMMISSION, AN EMPLOYEE OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. DESPITE



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1 RECEIVING THREE WARNINGS FOR ONE YEAR BY THE F.P.P.C., FAILED
2 TO REPORT THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST WHICH PREVENTS
3 EMPLOYEES FROM MAKING GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS AFFECTING THEIR
4 PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTERESTS. THIS 15-YEAR EMPLOYEE ALSO HAD
5 PRESENTED A DISTURBING PATTERN REGARDING HER ACTIONS DURING
6 WORK HOURS. IN 2005 VIOLATED H.I.P.A.A. BY IDENTIFYING HERSELF
7 AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SUPERVISOR WHILE PRESENTING A NON-
8 LEGITIMATE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE OF THE DYING SUBORDINATE TO A
9 HOSPITAL OMBUDSMAN. IN 2002, ALONG WITH HER THERAPIST FRIEND,
10 MANIPULATED THE SUBORDINATE INTO PLACING THEM IN CONTROL OF
11 HER \$928,000 ESTATE AS WELL AS POSSESSING HER MORPHINE.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS REALLY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

14

15 **HILLARIE LEVY:** THIS DOES. VIOLATING HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 10-
16 - AND THIS IS ALL WHILE BEING ON THE PAYROLL. THE EXCUSE FOR
17 HER ACTIONS BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL, HUMAN RESOURCES AND
18 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE. THIS DOESN'T FALL UNDER THE SCOPE
19 OF HER EMPLOYMENT. WHICH ACCORDING TO THE L.A. TIMES IS USED
20 65 PERCENT OF THE TIME. L.A. CONSTITUENTS DESERVE BETTER THAN
21 A BOARD--

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME'S UP. STEPHANIE SAUTER.
24 FOLLOWED BY DR. CLAVREUL. I INVITE DAVID BROWN AND DEBRA
25 TYLER.



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2 **STEPHANIE SAUTER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M STEPHANIE SAUTER AND I
3 TOO AM AN ATTORNEY. I WORK WITH COMMUNITY CAREER DEVELOPMENT
4 IN ONE OF THE WORK SOURCE CENTERS. I DO A LAW PROGRAM FOR
5 PEOPLE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE DEALING WITH THEIR LEGAL BARRIERS
6 TO EMPLOYMENT. SO FAR IN THE LAST NINE MONTHS, I'VE SEEN ABOUT
7 640 CLIENTS. I'M KIND OF HERE ON THEIR BEHALF. I REALIZE THIS
8 ISSUE IS THAT THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN THIS PARTICULAR
9 INDIVIDUAL AND HOW DID HE GET IN THE POSITION THAT HE WAS? I'M
10 AFRAID THAT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I READ THE TIMES AND PUBLIC
11 ATTENTION IS VEERED OFF TO ONE INDIVIDUAL AND PERHAPS AN
12 INAPPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL FOR THE POSITION HE WAS HIRED FOR.
13 AND MY CONCERN IS THIS: WHEN WE START THINKING "RAPIST" AND
14 L.A. TIMES HEADLINES SCREAM " RAPIST AND EMPLOYMENT," WE
15 FORGET THE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL
16 RECORDS THAT ARE DENIED EMPLOYMENT AND DENIED AN OPPORTUNITY
17 TO REGAIN REALLY THEIR LIVES, SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILY AND
18 THEIR CHILDREN. AND I'M KIND OF HERE ON THEIR BEHALF. BECAUSE
19 WHEN THIS BOARD IS GOING TO MEET AGAIN AND AGAIN-- AND I
20 BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT THIS WILL NOT BE THE LAST
21 TIME YOU DEAL WITH AN ISSUE OF THIS SORT. BUT I DON'T ALWAYS
22 BELIEVE IT WILL BE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND I
23 HAVE HAD CLIENTS COME TO ME BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN DENIED
24 EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TWO OF WHOM AS A
25 RESULT OF JUVENILE ADJUDICATIONS, WHICH AS WE KNOW ARE NOT



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1 CONVICTIONS. THEY LOST THEIR JOBS. ONE OF THEM WAS ACTUALLY AN
2 L.V.N. C.N.A. AND MISTAKES ARE MADE REGULARLY. AND SO IF WE
3 ONLY THINK ABOUT THE ABSOLUTE, WHAT'S THE WORST POSSIBLE--
4 WHAT'S THE WORD I'M LOOKING FOR-- SCENARIO WE CAN COME UP
5 WITH, WE WOULD THINK ABOUT SOMEBODY WHO IN THE PAST COMMITTED
6 A RAPE AGAINST A WOMAN AND IS NOW IN A DARK ROOM WITH
7 SOMEBODY WEARING A HOSPITAL GOWN. BUT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT
8 ARE THE THOUSANDS WITH OLD RECORDS, WITH MINOR RECORDS, WHO
9 ARE DENIED EMPLOYMENT. AND WE CANNOT FORGET THEM. AND I ASK
10 THE BOARD WHEN THIS ISSUE COMES BACK BEFORE THEM TO REMEMBER
11 NOT THE MOST EGREGIOUS CASE, BUT THE CASE OF THE MAJORITY OF
12 PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL AND YOU ARE?

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16 **DEBRA TYLER:** DEBRA TYLER.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DEBRA TYLER. DID ARVETTE BROWN LEAVE?

19 SUSAN BURTON AND ARNOLD SACHS IF YOU WOULD JOIN US? DR.

20 CLAVREUL?

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS A
24 CONCERN ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIME AND WANT TO BE
25 RE-ESTABLISHED IN SOCIETY. BUT I THINK THAT MAN, MR. BEESLEY,



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1 SHOULD HAVE SELECTED A JOB WHERE HE WAS NOT PLACED IN A
2 POSITION WHERE ON A REGULAR BASIS HE WAS FONDLING WOMAN IN
3 NIGHTGOWNS AND SO ON. HE COULD HAVE TAKEN A JOB IN
4 CONSTRUCTION BUILDING OR WHATEVER TO REHABILITATE HIMSELF.
5 PERSONALLY I THINK IT IS A VERY SICK SITUATION. I MEAN HE KNEW
6 WHAT HE WAS DOING. HE PUT HIMSELF IN A DIFFERENT WAY AND
7 PSYCHOLOGICALLY RAPED THOSE WOMEN, THAT'S MY POSITION. MANY OF
8 YOU TODAY MENTIONED THE SITUATION OF "DO NOT SEND." THAT'S AN
9 ISSUE I'VE DONE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS BECAUSE EVERY TIMES I
10 TALKED ABOUT D.H.S. WITH DO NOT SEND, ABOUT R.N.S, THEY SAID
11 THEY DID HAVE NOT SUCH A LIST, WHICH I KNOW THEY DID, BECAUSE
12 NURSES CONTACTED ME. AND MY CONCERN IS THE "DO NOT SEND" LIST,
13 THE WAY IT IS USED BY THE COUNTY, IT DOES NOT DEAL WITH REAL
14 ISSUE WHERE NURSES ARE NOT SENT. MANY TIMES THE NURSES WHO ARE
15 ON THE "DO NOT SEND" IN THE COUNTY ARE NURSES WHO OBSERVE
16 INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND REFUSE TO DO
17 IT. AND THOSE ARE PLACED ON "DO NOT SEND," AND I THINK YOU ARE
18 PUTTING YOURSELF AT TREMENDOUS JEOPARDY IN LEGAL ISSUES BY
19 DOING THAT. I ALSO THINK THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF EMPLOYEES
20 WHICH THE COUNTY PAY WHO ARE S.E.I.U. EMPLOYEES AND ARE
21 PROBABLY NOT VETTED LIKE THEY SHOULD BE AND NOT ARE PAID LIKE
22 MR. ALEJANDRO STEVENS AND MANY OTHERS WHO I KNOW ARE NOT THE
23 ONLY ONES. SO I APPRECIATE THE VIGILANCE YOU'RE PLACING. AND I
24 THINK YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO THAT BECAUSE NOBODY IS
25 FOLLOWING THE RULES IN THE COUNTY. AND I THINK IT IS WHY WE



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1 HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE NOT OBEYING THE RULES, BECAUSE THEY SEE IT
2 FROM HERE ON DOWN. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. DEBRA?

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6 **DEBRA TYLER:** YES. I'M DEBRA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M A
7 MEMBER OF, ALL OF US OR NONE. AND BANNING THE BOX IS ONE OF
8 OUR MAIN GOALS BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF SKILLED PEOPLE, SUCH
9 AS MYSELF, THAT CANNOT GET COUNTY JOBS OR ANY KIND OF JOBS.
10 YOU HAVE TO WORK THROUGH A REGISTRY OR WORK THROUGH A
11 TEMPORARY AGENCY IN ORDER TO GET JOBS. IT'S JUST ABSURD THAT
12 IF YOU'RE SKILLED, WHY CAN'T YOU WORK? I NEED A JOB. AND
13 BECAUSE OF A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND, SOME 44 YEARS AGO, YOU CAN'T
14 GET WITH THE COUNTY, WITH THE STATE OR ANYBODY ELSE. I JUST
15 WANTED TO MAKE THAT POINT.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUSAN?

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19 **SUSAN BURTON:** YEAH, MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON. I'M DIRECTOR OF A
20 NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF ALL
21 OF US OR NONE. IN 1988, I FOUNDED THE A NEW WAY OF LIFE
22 REENTRY PROJECT TO HELP WOMEN COME HOME FROM PRISONS AND
23 JAILS. IT WAS JUST THIS BIG SERVICE GAP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
24 THAT DIDN'T SUPPORT THEIR REENTRY. AND STILL THERE'S THIS BIG
25 SERVICE GAP IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT DOES NOT SUPPORT



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1 REENTRY. WE HAVE 500,000 PEOPLE A YEAR COMING BACK INTO THIS
2 COUNTY. AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR DISTRICT, MORE PEOPLE COME
3 BACK INTO JUST SECOND TO SENATOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
4 DISTRICT. AND THERE'S NO INFRASTRUCTURE, NOTHING TO SAY THAT
5 PEOPLE, NOTHING TO ASSIST PEOPLE ON GETTING BACK UP ON THEIR
6 FEET AND THEIR LIVES RUNNING. THIS INCIDENT WITH THIS GUY
7 BEING THE RADIOLOGY, BEING IN RADIOLOGY AND HAVING A CRIMINAL
8 HISTORY OF RAPE, SENDS OUT A MESSAGE EVERYWHERE THAT SAYS
9 "DON'T TOUCH PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS." THAT'S WHAT I
10 HEAR. THAT'S HOW I SEE IT PLAYING OUT. AND IT'S ALREADY A
11 REALLY, REALLY ROUGH TIME GETTING BACK IN. I WANT TO ASK THE
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: WHAT DO WE DO TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY
13 IN THE WAY OF PEOPLE COMING BACK INTO THIS COMMUNITY, COMING
14 BACK INTO L.A. COUNTY WITH PROVIDING SERVICES, PROVIDING
15 OPPORTUNITIES, PROVIDING JOBS, PROVIDING TRAINING PROGRAMS
16 THAT THEY AREN'T PUSHED BACK UP AGAINST THE WALL? I'M READING
17 THIS MORNING IN L.A. TIMES WHERE THE JUDGE DELTON HAS PASSED
18 THIS ORDER TO RELEASE A WHOLE BUNCH MORE PEOPLE. AND THE
19 MAJORITY ARE COMING BACK INTO L.A. COUNTY. PEOPLE MAKE
20 MISTAKES. WE ALL DO. WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES. AT SOME POINT WE
21 MUST GET BACK PAST THOSE MISTAKES.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, THIS IS NOT YOUR POSTER CHILD FOR YOUR
24 CAUSE.



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1 **SUSAN BURTON:** NO.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WHILE THERE ARE MANY
4 PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMES, AND THERE IS A PROCESS THAT
5 WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY THAT IS HONORED HERE. IF YOU TELL US
6 THAT YOU COMMITTED A CRIME, WE CHECK. AND WE SEE WHETHER IN
7 FACT THAT IF YOU ARE SUITED FOR THE JOB, THAT YOU COULD GET
8 BEYOND THAT. BUT WE DO LOOK AT THE CRIMINAL HISTORY. THAT'S
9 THE RESPONSIBILITY. SO I WOULD NOT UTILIZE THIS GENTLEMAN WHO
10 COMMITTED A CRIME WORST OF ALL, WHILE HE WAS A POLICE OFFICER,
11 WHICH IS ANOTHER RESPONSIBILITY THAT GOVERNMENT EMPOWERS THIS
12 INDIVIDUAL, BY GIVING HIM A BADGE AND A GUN AND HE WAS OUT
13 RAPING INDIVIDUALS WHILE HE WAS AN ENTRUSTED SAFETY OFFICER.
14 THAT IS A VIOLATION FOR ALL OF US BEYOND THE PERSONAL RAPE
15 THAT HE CREATED. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ONE ISSUE. THEN HE COMES
16 BACK INTO OUR SYSTEM AND WHEN IN FACT THERE WAS A PROCESS AND
17 THERE IS A VIOLATION, BECAUSE HE PERSONALLY IS LYING ABOUT HIS
18 APPLICATION. DO NOT USE THIS GENTLEMAN. I USE THE WORD
19 LOOSELY. BUT YOU WERE USING IT AS A POSTER CHILD.

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21 **SUSAN BURTON:** NO, I'M NOT TRYING.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE COUNTY --

24



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1 **SUSAN BURTON:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, NO DISRESPECT TO YOU. I KNOW
2 THE COUNTY'S PROCESSES. WE WERE HERE TWO YEARS AGO WITH A
3 CAMPAIGN TO BAN THE BOX. AND JUST AS WE SAW THIS MORNING, THE
4 PROCESSES ARE FLAWED. AND WE ARE COMPILING DIFFERENT DATA AND
5 EVIDENCE THAT CLEARLY SHOWS, AND CLEARLY THIS MORNING YOU SEE
6 THIS PROCESS IS FLAWED.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THIS PROCESS IS FLAWED BECAUSE WE HAVE PEOPLE
9 WHO--

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11 **SUSAN BURTON:** REGARDLESS TO WHY IT IS.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL EXCUSE ME. I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO A
14 PUBLIC. AND THIS MAN SHOULD NOT HAVE HAD THIS JOB.

15

16 **SUSAN BURTON:** NEITHER HERE NOR THERE. HE DID GET THE JOB. HE
17 DID PERFORM IN THE JOB. NO ONE WAS HURT WHILE HE WAS ON THE
18 JOB.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** LUCKY FOR US.

21

22 **SUSAN BURTON:** BUT THE THING IS THAT THE PROCESS IS FLAWED.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, OKAY. I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH
25 DEBATE. MR. SACHS?



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ARNOLD SACHS: THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. VERY IMPRESSIVE DISCUSSION. BUT MY QUESTION, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU ASKED THE COUNTY COUNSEL IF YOU COULD REQUIRE AN ACTION TO IMPLEMENT A CONTRACT REQUIREMENT THAT EMPLOYEES WOULD SIGN A CONTRACT STATING THAT IF THEY VIOLATED THE OUTLINE OF THIS CONTRACT OR THE RULES OF THIS CONTRACT, IT COULD LEAD TO THEIR TERMINATION. BUT I DIDN'T HEAR THAT AS AN AMENDMENT. I DIDN'T HEAR IT AS A MOTION. AND SO YOU COULD ASK THE QUESTION-- AND I BELIEVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL SAID YOU COULD.

11

SUP. KNABE: MR. SACHS, WE'RE NOT FINISHED WITH IT YET. WE'RE TAKING PUBLIC TESTIMONY. WE'RE NOT FINISHED WITH THE MOTION.

14

ARNOLD SACHS: I HEARD A MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

16

SUP. ANTONOVICH: THERE'S A REPORT COMING BACK. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ALL OF THAT DETAIL IN THERE. SO, PLEASE, WHEN IT'S FINISHED, THEN MAKE THOSE STATEMENTS. UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE THE BREAKDOWN WAS, WE CAN'T TAKE ACTION, RIGHT? WE CAN'T CONVICT UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE THE BREAKDOWN WAS. WHERE WAS THE BREAKDOWN, WHERE THE PERSON LIED ON HIS APPLICATION WITH REGISTRY, DID THE REGISTRY FAIL TO CHECK? WE DON'T KNOW. WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT OUT.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUT I'M JUST SAYING, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU
2 MADE A MOTION TODAY, RIGHT? DID YOU NOT MAKE FOR REQUESTING
3 CERTAIN INFORMATION? SO SAME DIFFERENCE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S HOLDING PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE. RESPONSIBLE
6 MEANS THEIR JOBS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU TO GET FINISHED, SO WE CAN
9 GET ON WITH OUR WORK.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** CERTAINLY, YES. ABSOLUTELY. THE ONLY OTHER THING
12 I WOULD HAVE SAID DURING THIS ARGUMENT REGARDING INEPTNESS AND
13 OTHER THINGS THAT YOU BROUGHT UP. YOU COULD SUBSTITUTE THE
14 HELICOPTER PAD AT COUNTY U.S.C. FOR THIS TOPIC AND YOU COULD
15 GET THE SAME RESULTS. BECAUSE IT WAS REPORTED, JUST LIKE I
16 SPOKE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, THAT IT'S A BAD IDEA TO DO. AND FULL
17 SPEED AHEAD YOU WENT, IT WAS DONE. SO TELL ME ABOUT THE WORK
18 YOU GET DONE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WAS THE BAD IDEA?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE BAD IDEA WAS TO PUT THE AIR INTAKE UP BY THE
23 HELICOPTER PADS THAT THE F.A.A. REPORTED THAT IT WOULD NOT--
24 IT WOULD LEAD-- IT WAS A FAULTY DESIGN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS NOT THE ISSUE BEFORE US.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DIDN'T KNOW ARNOLD SACHS WAS AN ENGINEER.

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M NOT, BUT THE F.A.A. SAID IT WAS, MA'AM.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO KIDDING!

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. BRING IT ALL BACK. WE HAVE
10 THE ITEM BEFORE US. WE HAVE, UNLESS THERE'S FURTHER
11 DISCUSSION, WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US. I THINK THAT WE WANT
12 TO ADD THE COMMENTS THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MYSELF AND
13 OTHERS HAVE MADE AS IT RELATES TO A CONTRACT CERTIFICATION IN
14 THIS PROCESS AS PART OF THAT MOTION AND THE LEGAL RESPONSE
15 BACK.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I'M ASKING FOR THE THREE THINGS. I'M NOT
18 ONLY ASKING WHAT THIS INDIVIDUAL, BUT ALSO THE REVIEW OF OUR
19 REGISTRIES AND WHAT THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AND
20 FINALLY THE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN ADDITION TO THE CERTIFICATION AND
23 SIGNED SIGNATURE. I THINK THAT'S CLEAR. DOES THE EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER HAVE ALL THAT? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
25 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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1 THANK YOU. NOW THE ONLY REMAINING ITEM BESIDES PUBLIC COMMENT
2 IS ITEM S-2. YEAH, BUT WE STILL HAVE ITEM S-2.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** S-2 IS A REPORT BY OUR OFFICE AT THE REQUEST
5 OF THE BOARD THAT SPEAKS TO THE IMPACT OF ACTIONS BEING TAKEN
6 BY THE STATE WITH RESPECT TO THE BUDGET BUT ALSO THE DEFERRAL
7 OF ANY PAYMENTS OWED TO THE COUNTY TO SUPPORT OUR MANY HEALTH
8 AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A REPORT THAT WE ISSUED TO YOU
9 THAT SPEAKS TO THIS ONGOING PROBLEM. BUT THE GREATEST
10 CONSEQUENCE IS THE UNCERTAINTY AND THE FACT THAT WE KNOW THE
11 STATE CONTROLLER HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED HE WILL BE DEFERRING
12 PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND POTENTIALLY INTO THE
13 MONTH OF MARCH. WE DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S GOING TO EXTEND TO
14 FUTURE MONTHS. THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT IS \$105 MILLION IN TERMS
15 OF CASH, IN TERMS OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, YOU KNOW THAT IT
16 WILL HIT VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR PUBLIC, OUR SOCIAL AND OUR
17 HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT WE ADMINISTER THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. WE
18 GAVE YOU A BREAKDOWN OF THOSE PROGRAMS IN OUR JANUARY 26TH
19 MEMO. BUT IT SPEAKS TO VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING FROM SUBSTANCE
20 ABUSE PROGRAMS OR H.I.V. PREVENTION PROGRAMS, EVEN T.B., EVERY
21 SINGLE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM. WE ALSO TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC
22 SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS, LIKE CALWORKS AND CHILDCARE AND FOOD
23 STAMPS. WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT DEAL WITH
24 OUTPATIENT SERVICES, ASSESSMENTS, CASE PLANNING, THE IMPACT TO
25 THE CONTRACTORS WHO PROVIDE MENTAL SERVICES ARE EXTREMELY



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1 SIGNIFICANT. WE GO ON TO SPEAK TO OUR PROGRAMS THAT I
2 MENTIONED D.P.S.S. PROGRAMS SUCH AS CALWORKS AND PROGRAMS THAT
3 WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS OF THAT PROGRAM TO
4 PROVIDE OR PAY FOR THEIR RENT. AND YET WITHOUT THOSE PROGRAMS,
5 WE KNOW THAT WE WILL SEE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN
6 HOMELESSNESS. WE KNOW RIGHT NOW WHAT WILL BE DELAYED FROM THE
7 STATE CONTROLLER FOR FEBRUARY PAYMENTS. FOR SOCIAL SERVICES
8 PROGRAMS ALONE, WE HAVE A DOLLAR AMOUNT THAT'S PART OF THAT
9 \$105 MILLION, BUT IT COULD EASILY CONTINUE. WHAT WE'RE ASKING
10 FOR RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE THIS IS A CONFLUENCE OF PROBLEMS THAT I
11 THINK IS UNPRECEDENTED. WE HAVE NOT ONLY ISSUES AT THE FEDERAL
12 LEVEL, WE HAVE ISSUES AT THE STATE LEVEL WE TALKED TO AT
13 LENGTH, WE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH, BUT WE ALSO HAVE DECLINING
14 LOCAL REVENUES, SUCH AS SALES TAX AND PROPERTY TAX. WHAT WE'RE
15 ASKING RIGHT NOW IS THAT YOU APPLY AN IMMEDIATE HARD HIRING
16 FREEZE THAT EXCLUDES CRITICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POSITIONS. YOU
17 GIVE US THE AUTHORITY TO WORK WITH THE AUDITOR CONTROLLER TO
18 FREEZE NON-ESSENTIAL PURCHASES OF SUPPLIES AND OTHER FIXED
19 ASSETS. WHAT'S NOT ON THE MEMO TO YOU BUT I'D LIKE TO ADD IT
20 TODAY IS TO CANCEL, OR IF NOT CANCEL, FREEZE NON-ESSENTIAL
21 TRAVEL AND TRAINING. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF FOLKS WHO HAVE
22 SCHEDULED OUT OF STATE OR OUT OF COUNTY TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT
23 WE WOULD CONSIDER NON-ESSENTIAL AT THIS POINT IN TIME GIVEN
24 THE GRAVITY OF OUR BUDGETARY SITUATION. WE ALSO NEED TO SHUT
25 THOSE DOWN. AND I ALSO ASK THAT ANY NEW PROGRAMS THAT ARE



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1 BEING PRESENTED TO THIS BOARD BE DELAYED UNTIL WE CAN DISCUSS
2 IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL BUDGET. AS WE MOVE FORWARD,
3 WE'RE PREPARING YOUR BUDGET RIGHT NOW. AND AT MINIMUM, WE'RE
4 ASKING EVERY DEPARTMENT TO TAKE A 5 PERCENT CURTAILMENT. THAT
5 ALONE WILL FALL SHORT OF THE DEFICIT THAT WE'RE PROJECTING AT
6 THIS POINT IN TIME. IN AN EARLIER REPORT, WE MENTION THAT HAD
7 THE DEFICIT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$173 MILLION. SINCE THAT
8 REPORT, WE'VE SEEN PROPERTY TAX DECLINES-- I'M SORRY, SALES
9 TAX DECLINE SUBSTANTIALLY WHERE WE THINK AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
10 THAT, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT ASSOCIATED WITH SALES TAX REVENUE WILL
11 GO DOWN AND WILL NOT HIT OUR REVENUE TARGET FOR THIS YEAR.
12 THAT'S WHY WE'RE STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT YOU APPROVE THE
13 HIRING FREEZE. THE FREEZE OF S&S PURCHASES ESSENTIALLY AND
14 ALSO NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL. THAT WILL NOT RESOLVE OUR PROBLEMS
15 BUT WILL HELP ADDRESS SOME OF THE CHALLENGES WE HAVE RIGHT
16 NOW. THE 173 MILLION AND GROWING FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
17 IMPACT THE STATE BUDGET WILL HAVE ON THE COUNTY'S PROGRAMS AND
18 SERVICES. THAT IS SEPARATE. AND WE KNOW WE HEARD ON SATURDAY
19 THAT JONATHAN CHANG, THE STATE CONTROLLER, HAS SAID BECAUSE OF
20 THEIR DECLINING REVENUE, PARTICULARLY IN SALES TAX AND INCOME
21 TAX, THAT THE STATE BUDGET AND THE LOW \$40 BILLION WILL GROW.
22 SO WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE PROBLEMS OCCURRING
23 FROM THE STATE ONCE THEY DO GO AROUND TO SETTLING THEIR BUDGET
24 AND THE CONSEQUENCES TO OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES WILL BE EVEN
25 MORE SIGNIFICANT. AND WITH THAT, IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE FRUSTRATING THING HERE IS
3 OBVIOUSLY OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS TRYING TO PUT MONEY
4 ASIDE FOR A RAINY DAY LIKE WE HAVE, TO ACTUALLY DEAL WITH
5 SITUATIONS LIKE WE'RE CONFRONTED WITH, WITH DECLINING PROPERTY
6 TAXES, SALES TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES, WHAT'S SO FRUSTRATING
7 IS OBVIOUSLY NOW WITHOUT A STATE BUDGET, HERE WE ARE IN
8 FEBRUARY, 96 DAYS INTO A SPECIAL SESSION AND STILL NO BUDGET,
9 THE OUTSIDE IMPACT TO WHAT WE THOUGHT WE WERE DOING THE RIGHT
10 THING IS ABSOLUTELY OUTRAGEOUS. BECAUSE HERE WE SIT TRYING TO
11 MANAGE A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION WITH REVENUES AND EVERYTHING
12 ELSE, AND THEN WE STILL HAVE THIS PIECE OUT HERE THAT SAYS
13 THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME OTHER DRACONIAN POSSIBLE CUTS,
14 DEFERRALS, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE. AND OH, BY THE WAY, YOU'RE
15 MANDATED BY LAW. YOU STILL HAVE TO DO THE JOB. YOU STILL HAVE
16 TO PROVIDE THE SOCIAL SERVICES NECESSARY. WE ARE THE ULTIMATE
17 SAFETY NET BY LAW. SO IT PUTS US IN A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT AND
18 ALMOST AN UNTENABLE POSITION. AND IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT, AND
19 IT'S JUST NOT FAIR. AND WE REPRESENT THE SAME PEOPLE THEY
20 REPRESENT. AND HOPEFULLY SOON THEY WILL GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER
21 SO WE KNOW WHAT WE-- I MEAN YOU SAID IT BEST. THE MOST
22 DIFFICULT PART OF THIS IS THE UNKNOWN, IS THE UNKNOWN, BECAUSE
23 WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT OTHER PIECE MAY BE. WE KNOW
24 APPROXIMATELY-- WE KEEP UPDATING WHAT OUR PROBLEMS ARE GOING



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1 TO BE. BUT THIS OTHER OUTSIDE PIECE THAT COULD BE SO DRAMATIC,
2 WE DON'T KNOW AND IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT. ZEV?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. IT'S ONE THING TO
5 HAVE A RAINY DAY FUND. IT'S ANOTHER THING TO HAVE A FUND FOR
6 NOAH'S FLOOD. YOUR MOTION AND MY MOTION DO NOT CONTEMPLATE
7 NOAH'S FLOOD WHEN WE SET UP THE RAINY DAY FUND. BUT LEAVING
8 THAT ASIDE, I JUST WANT TO GET CLEAR FOR THE RECORD WHAT THIS
9 HIRING FREEZE IS AND WHAT IT ISN'T. EXEMPT FROM IT WILL BE LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT, CORRECT?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. PUBLIC SAFETY POSITIONS SUCH AS
13 OUR DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS, OUR FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT CIVILIAN POSITIONS IN THE
16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WOULD BE HANDLED ON A SELECT BASIS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE SUBJECTED TO THE HARD HIRING FREEZE.

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22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CRIMINALIST
23 POSITIONS, THAT ARE CRITICAL, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE D.N.A.
24 BACKGROUND, THOSE WILL BE EXEMPT. CRITICAL POSITIONS THAT
25 SUPPORT A PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTION WILL BE-- WE'LL LOOK AT VERY



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1 QUICKLY AND MOVE THOSE FORWARD WHERE APPROPRIATE. BUT WHAT WE
2 CAN'T UNDERSTATE IS WHAT WE'RE SEEING RIGHT NOW WITH OUR
3 DECLINING REVENUES IN THE STATE ISSUE, WE ARE LOOKING AT AN
4 UNPRECEDENTED BUDGETARY SITUATION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW. I KNOW. YOU MADE THAT CASE VERY
7 COMPELLING BOTH VERBALLY AND IN YOUR MEMO. WE HAVE THE RIGHT
8 TO HAVE A HARD HIRING FREEZE ON, I'M ASKING THIS OF COUNTY
9 COUNSEL, OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT?

10

11 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR SWORN FOR THAT MATTER, NOT THAT WE'RE
14 GOING TO DO IT. I WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR SPEECH IS.

15

16 **RAY FORTNER:** YES, I WOULD THINK SO. THERE IS THAT. I THINK
17 WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS THE SHERIFF'S ABILITY ESSENTIALLY
18 TO MANAGE HIS BUDGET. AND THE BOARD SETS THE BUDGET.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

21

22 **RAY FORTNER:** BUT THE HIRING OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES I WOULD
23 THINK WOULD BE OUTSIDE OF THAT.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ABOUT THE HIRING OF SWORN EMPLOYEES?



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2 **RAY FORTNER:** THE HIRING OF SWORN EMPLOYEES, MY RECOLLECTION
3 AND UNDERSTANDING IS, THAT WOULD BE WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S
4 PURVIEW.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AGAIN, NOT THAT ANYBODY IS SUGGESTING IT. I
7 WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE DOWN THE LINE. PERHAPS YOU
8 CAN DO A-- HAVE YOUR FOLKS DO A LEGAL MEMORANDUM ON THAT.

9

10 **RAY FORTNER:** SOME OF THOSE, WHETHER OR NOT IT'S A PRACTICAL
11 MATTER, FURTHER HIRING COULD BE TAKEN IF THE BUDGET WERE
12 REDUCED, WHICH IS WITHIN YOUR AUTHORITY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OBVIOUSLY. SECOND, BILL, ON THE K.D.A.
15 SETTLEMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT WE HAVE IN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
16 AND FAMILY SERVICES AND WHATEVER OTHER ANCILLARY DEPARTMENTS
17 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THEY WILL BEING EXEMPT FROM THIS HIRING
18 FREEZE?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. WHEN IT COMES TO OUR LEGAL OBLIGATIONS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PROBATION DEPARTMENT, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
23 AGREEMENTS WILL BE EXEMPT?

24



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES. AS PART OF OUR REVIEW, WE'LL FACTOR IN
2 ALL THOSE DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT PARTICULARLY OUR LEGAL
3 SETTLEMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I DO THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO
6 DO. IT'S THE LEAST THAT WE CAN DO AND IT'S REALLY THE FIRST OR
7 SECOND STEP ALONG THE WAY TRYING TO MANAGE OURSELVES THROUGH
8 THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. AS YOU'VE ALLUDED TO IN THE PAST AND
9 I JUST WANT TO REITERATE, THE REAL ISSUE IS GOING TO BE-- THE
10 BIGGER ISSUE IS GOING TO BE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT FISCAL YEAR. AND
11 THAT'S WHAT'S DRIVING ALL OF US A BIT NUTS, WATCHING THE
12 PROCEEDINGS IN SACRAMENTO. THEY SEEM TO BE DETACHED FROM THE
13 REALITY OF WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR INACTION ARE TO THE
14 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES OR ANY OTHER COUNTY IN THE STATE. IT'S
15 FRUSTRATING BECAUSE THEY SEEM TO BE UP THERE AND THE REST OF
16 US SEEM TO BE SCATTERED AROUND THE STATE AND THE TWAIN DON'T
17 MEET. THEY DID MEET WHEN THE FURLOUGHS ISSUE AROSE. AND SOME
18 OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES WERE EXEMPTED FROM THE FURLOUGHS
19 AND OTHERS MADE SURE THEY WERE EXEMPT. BUT WHEN IT HIT THEM AT
20 HOME IT'S ONE THING. THIS IS HITTING US AT HOME EVERY DAY. AND
21 AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE END OF THE LINE IS HERE. IT'S WHERE
22 WE DISBURSE THEIR MONEY TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
23 IT'S WHERE WE DISBURSE THEIR MONEY TO PROVIDE FOR ABUSED AND
24 NEGLECTED CHILDREN. IT'S WHEN WE APPROPRIATE THEIR MONEY TO
25 AGENCIES, OUR OWN AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, THAT DEAL WITH THE



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1 POOR AND THE PEOPLE WHO THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEMSELVES FIND
2 THEMSELVES ON THE MARGINS OF THE ECONOMY, NOW MORE THAN EVER,
3 SINCE UNEMPLOYMENT IS SKYROCKETING IN THIS AND EVERY OTHER
4 PART OF THE STATE AND COUNTRY. AND WHILE ALL OF THAT GOES ON,
5 WE'RE NOW, AT THE TENTH OF FEBRUARY, IT'S ALMOST VALENTINE'S
6 DAY, AND STILL NO SOAP, STILL NO RESULTS, STILL NO DECISION. I
7 DON'T CONSIDER THE BUDGET THEY APPROVED LAST SUMMER A DECISION
8 BECAUSE IT WASN'T A BUDGET, IT WAS PHONY. IT WAS A \$3 BILL AND
9 EVERYBODY KNEW IT AT THE TIME AND WERE TOLD SO AT THE TIME AND
10 NOW WE'RE PAYING THE PRICE FOR IT AND WE STILL CAN'T GET A
11 DECISION. AND IT'S EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY FRUSTRATING. I DON'T
12 BLAME ANY PARTICULAR BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY
13 PARTICULAR PARTY. AND NEITHER DO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
14 CALIFORNIA LOOK TO BLAME ON THAT BASIS. I THINK THEY EXPECT US
15 TO ACT LIKE PROFESSIONALS, LIKE GROWN UPS AND PUT THE PUBLIC
16 FIRST. AND THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE CASE. AND THAT'S THE
17 FRUSTRATION THAT WE HAVE. SO THIS RECOMMENDATION YOU'VE MADE
18 HERE IS ESSENTIAL BUT IT'S NOT THAT PAINFUL. THE PAIN IS GOING
19 TO START IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD. AND I THINK WE NEED TO
20 BEGIN, AS I'M TRYING TO DO, TO PREPARE PEOPLE FOR THAT
21 EVENTUALITY. BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BACKFILL
22 THE LOSS THAT A SEVEN OR EIGHT-MONTH DEFERRAL CONSTITUTES, OR
23 A WORSE ELEMENT WHICH IS JUST THE TOTAL EVISCERATION OF THE
24 BUDGET. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE THINK THE DEFERRALS AND THE PROGRAMS OF THE
2 MONEY IS BEING DEFERRED FROM PROVIDES A ROAD MAP FOR THE
3 FUTURE STATE CUTS. AND SO THAT'S THE SCARY PART. CALWORKS
4 ALONE IS 150,000 INDIVIDUALS WILL BE IMPACTED BY THAT. ALSO TO
5 SPEAK TO THE GRAVITY, THEY SAID THERE ARE FOLKS UP NORTH AND
6 MAYBE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCE. I CAN'T NAME THE
7 CITY, BUT WE WERE RECENTLY CONTACTED BY ONE OF OUR CITIES WHO
8 STATED AS A CONSEQUENCE, THEIR BUDGETARY PROBLEMS, THEY HAVE
9 TO SHUT DOWN ONE OF THE FIRE STATIONS AND LAY OFF 18 POLICE
10 OFFICERS. THIS HAPPENS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT CITY THAT RUNS ITS
11 OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT CONTRACTS WITH US FOR FIRE SERVICES.
12 THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IN THIS REGION. IT'S
13 ABSOLUTELY REAL.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK SOME QUESTIONS. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND
18 HOW THE STATE LEGISLATURE CAN CONTINUE TO BE THE LAUGHING
19 STOCK OF THE UNITED STATES WHEN WE ARE THE ONLY STATE OUT OF
20 THE 50 STATES AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE BELL WEATHER OF ALL
21 THE STATES, CAN'T PASS A BUDGET. AND YOU HAVE A BREAKDOWN ON
22 THE SYSTEM. BUT MR. FUJIOKA, ARE THERE ANY PROVISIONS IN STATE
23 LAW THAT WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY TO DEFER FUNDING MANDATED
24 BENEFITS UNTIL THE STATE PROVIDES THOSE RESOURCES?

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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** TODAY IN CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL BE MEETING WITH
2 COUNTY COUNSEL TO SPEAK TO THAT VERY SPECIFIC ISSUE. WE HAVE
3 IDENTIFIED THE FUNDS THAT WE SEND TO THE STATE. NOW THE
4 QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY. AND
5 THEN PUTTING THAT ASIDE, WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR
6 DELAYING ANY PAYMENTS TO THE STATE? SO THAT WILL BE HANDLED IN
7 CLOSED SESSION.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE STATE WOULD CONTINUE TO WITHHOLD FUNDS
10 BUT PROVIDE NO RELIEF FROM THE MANDATES, WHERE WOULD YOU
11 PROPOSE THE FUNDS COME FROM TO CONTINUE THOSE MANDATED
12 PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT WE COULD DEAL WITH
15 THIS FOR ONE MONTH. THE SECOND MONTH WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE THE
16 POLICY DECISION REGARDING WHAT PROGRAMS-- WELL THE MANDATED
17 PROGRAMS WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE. BUT THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS
18 THAT ARE NOT MANDATED. AND WHETHER OR NOT WE CONTINUE WITH
19 THOSE, WE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO THE MARKET AND BORROW
20 THE MONEY.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH IS REALLY SCARY.

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24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT'S REAL SCARY IS, THE MARKET IS NOT
25 LENDING MONEY RIGHT NOW.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THE STATE THEN PAY FOR THAT INTEREST
3 THAT WE HAVE TO PAY ON THOSE?

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO. I UNDERSTAND THE DEFERRAL COMES WITH NO
6 INTEREST PAYMENTS.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE STATE DOESN'T REPAY THE FEBRUARY
9 DEFERRALS, WHAT IMPACT WOULD THAT HAVE ON THE CURRENT BUDGET?
10 AND HOW WOULD THAT BE ADDRESSED?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE FIRST SET OF DEFERRALS EQUALS ABOUT \$105
13 MILLION. WE WOULD HAVE TO DIP INTO OUR RESERVES TO THE POINT
14 OF ALMOST DEPLETING OUR IMMEDIATE SET OF RESERVES FOR THIS
15 ISSUE. AND THEN AFTER THAT WE'D HAVE TO GO TO THE MARKET. WE'D
16 HAVE TO START BORROWING MONEY.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT AT THE RATE OF \$105 MILLION A MONTH, AT
19 WHAT POINT DOES THE COUNTY BECOME INSOLVENT IF NOT GIVEN
20 RELIEF?

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22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T WANT TO THROW A FIGURE OUT THERE RIGHT
23 NOW, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE THE PERSON THAT CAUSES PANIC
24 IN THE STREET. THERE ARE MANY, MANY ACTIONS THAT WE'LL HAVE TO
25 TAKE AND CONSIDER BEFORE WE HIT THAT POINT. SOME ACTIONS ARE



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1 NOT TO CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAM. IF WE WERE TO MERELY
2 CONTINUE WITH EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS, WE WOULD HAVE
3 A VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TIME GETTING BEYOND THE MONTH OF MARCH.
4 AT ONE POINT, WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION ON WHETHER OR
5 NOT WE CONTINUE WITH THE PROGRAMS. AND THEN THE IMPACT ON THE
6 PUBLIC IS CATASTROPHIC.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WOULD BE A ROAD MAP TO ANARCHY IF YOU HAD
9 NO POLICE, NO FIRE, NO SOCIAL--

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHEN IT COMES TO OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS,
12 THERE'S THE OLD ADAGE ABOUT THE LAST PERSON STANDING. OUR
13 PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS WOULD FALL WITHIN THAT DEFINITION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR MEMO STATES THAT THE STATE IS CONTINUING
16 PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION. BESIDES SCHOOLS,
17 WHAT ARE THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL PAYMENTS? YOUR MEMO STATES
18 TO THE BOARD THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS CONTINUING
19 PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION. SO THE QUESTION
20 IS: BESIDES SCHOOLS, WHAT ARE SOME OF THEIR OTHER
21 CONSTITUTIONAL PAYMENTS BEING MADE?

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'RE STILL RECEIVING REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOME
24 OF OUR MEDI-CAL DOLLARS, OUR HEALTH PROGRAMS, SOME OF OUR IN
25 HOME SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAMS I THINK THERE'S A VERY SMALL



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1 NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT ARE CONTINUING. BUT
2 PRINCIPALLY IN THE HEALTHCARE ARENA.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOMEHOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO EXPLORE
5 SUSPENDING STATE MANDATES TO PROVIDE ANY SERVICES WHICH THEY
6 MAY DEFER IF WE HAVE NO RESOURCES AND OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO GO
7 TO THE MARKET. AND AGAIN GOING TO THE MARKET IS TO PAY A VERY
8 HIGH INTEREST RATE WITH FUNDS WE DON'T HAVE.

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10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S THE DISCUSSION WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN
11 CLOSED SESSION TODAY. THERE WILL BE SOME VERY HARD DECISIONS.
12 AND THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT PROVIDING THE PROGRAMS AND
13 NOT MAKING THE PAYMENTS TO THE STATE. BUT WE HAVE TO WEIGH
14 THOSE CONSEQUENCES WITH OUR OWN FINANCIAL ABILITY TO MEET
15 THOSE PAYMENTS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, THE REALITY IS THAT ONE REACTION
20 QUICKLY IS IF WE DROP THE SERVICES, WE'D BE IN COURT AND 20
21 MINUTES LATER BE FORCED TO PROVIDE THEM, ANYWAY. THAT'S WHAT'S
22 SO OUTRAGEOUS ABOUT THEM. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I WANT TO
25 COMMEND YOU FOR ENCOURAGING THE CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH



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1 THE LEGISLATURE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD TO DO THE NECESSARY
2 ADVOCACY TO ADVANCE RESOLUTION. I THINK IT'S REASONABLE TO
3 THINK THAT GETTING INTO A BOXING RING WITH A HEAVYWEIGHT WHEN
4 YOU ARE A FLY WEIGHT BY COMPARISON IS ILL ADVISED. I THINK THE
5 MORE CONSTRUCTIVE PATH IS TO DETERMINE WHAT OUR LEGISLATIVE
6 ADVOCACY OUGHT TO BE AND TO LEVERAGE THAT AS EFFECTIVELY AS IS
7 POSSIBLE. THE RECENT EXPERIENCES THAT I'VE HAD OVER THE PAST
8 SIX YEARS ARE ETCHED IN MY MIND AS TO HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO
9 RESOLVE BUDGET MATTERS IN THE LEGISLATURE. AND IT IS
10 SIGNIFICANTLY, IF NOT EXCLUSIVELY, PARTISAN. THERE'S NO TWO
11 WAYS ABOUT THAT. AND SO THE IDEOLOGICAL DIVIDE IS WHAT IS
12 STRANGLING THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS WE SPEAK.
13 THERE ARE THREE VOTES THAT ARE NEEDED TO MOVE IT OUT OF THE
14 SENATE MINIMALLY. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT CAN BE REACHED
15 IS WHY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, WE DON'T HAVE MOVEMENT.
16 WE NEEDN'T MINCE WORDS. WE NEEDN'T NAME CALL. WE JUST NEED TO
17 GET BUSY AND ASSESS OUR CAPACITY TO HELP THE LEGISLATURE COME
18 TO CLOSURE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CONSTITUENCIES THAT WE
19 MUTUALLY REPRESENT.

20
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I JUST SEE BREAKING NEWS
22 HERE. THE GOVERNOR HAS THREATENED TO SEND LAY OFF WARNINGS TO
23 20,000 STATE WORKERS FRIDAY UNLESS THEY REACH A BUDGET
24 AGREEMENT WITH LEGISLATIVE LEADERS THAT PRECLUDES THE NEED FOR
25 SUCH CUTS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOLLOW UP QUESTION. THIS BORROWING BUSINESS,
3 I'VE HEARD OTHER PEOPLE TALK ABOUT IT. I'VE NOT HEARD IT COME
4 OUT OF THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE YET, NOT AT LEAST THAT I'VE HEARD.
5 AND I'M A BIT PERPLEXED BECAUSE FOR US TO BORROW THIS KIND OF
6 MONEY, IF WE WERE INCLINED TO DO IT, AS WE DISCUSSED
7 YESTERDAY, ONCE WE DO IT, WE OWN IT. YOU BACKFILL A STATE
8 PROGRAM, YOU OWN IT.

9

10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND LEAVING THAT ASIDE, THAT'S MORE THAN A
13 PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUE, BUT IT'S AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, HOW DO YOU--
14 HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE TREASURER ABOUT WHETHER WE WOULD BE IN
15 A POSITION TO BORROW 100 OR \$200 MILLION A MONTH, OR MORE
16 DEPENDING UPON WHAT THE STATE HIT IS AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IS
17 CORRECT, THOSE ARE THE NUMBER OF VOTES THAT IT TAKES TO-- IT'S
18 EITHER THREE VOTES MOVING THAT WAY OR 54 VOTES MOVING THE
19 OTHER WAY. IT'S THAT CLOSE BUT THAT FAR APART. AND THE
20 STUBBORNNESS IS NOT SERVING ANYBODY WELL. BUT EVEN IF THOSE
21 THREE MOVE, THEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT, THE IMPACT OF THAT
22 DEAL IS. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT WHATEVER DEAL IS MADE,
23 IT AIN'T GOING TO BE GOOD FOR L.A. COUNTY OR FOR ANY OTHER
24 COUNTY AND MAYBE CITY AND THE STATE BECAUSE THEY WILL TAKE
25 SOMETHING OUT OF OUR POCKET. SO HERE'S OUR QUESTION. WORST CASE



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1 OR BEST CASE SCENARIO, HOW DO YOU BORROW MONEY WHEN YOU'RE A
2 COUNTY WHEN THE STATE IS LOSING ITS BOND RATINGS AS FAST AS
3 THE RAIN IS FALLING AND THE SNOW IS FALLING IN THE SIERRA? HOW
4 DO YOU BORROW MONEY WHEN YOU HAVE NO WAY OF CONVINCING THE
5 FINANCIAL COMMUNITY AS TO HOW YOU'RE GOING TO PAY THE MONEY
6 BACK? IN OTHER WORDS, WHY WOULD I BUY A LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 BOND, I'LL BE VERY BLUNT, WHY WOULD ANYBODY BUY A LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY BOND WHEN THE REASON FOR THE BOND IS THAT THEY'RE
9 BROKE? AND THE REASON THEY'RE BROKE IS THAT THE STATE HASN'T
10 DELIVERED ON THEIR END OF THE BARGAIN AND THERE'S NO REASON TO
11 BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL EVEN IF THEY PASS A BUDGET, THERE'S
12 GOING TO BE PROBABLY INTO 9 FIGURES OF HITS OVER A PERIOD OF
13 12 TO 18 MONTHS. SO JUST HOLDING OUT THE HOPE OR THE STRATEGY
14 THAT WE COULD BORROW OUR WAY OUT OF THIS I THINK I'D LIKE TO
15 HEAR MORE.

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I PROBABLY SHOULD MAKE IT REAL CLEAR. ONE,
18 YES, WE CAN. WE WOULD HAVE TO ESTABLISH SOME COLLATERAL FOR
19 THAT. BUT WHAT I HAD MENTIONED IS PRIOR TO THAT, THERE WOULD
20 BE THE VERY DIFFICULT DECISIONS ON WHETHER OR NOT WE CONTINUE
21 WITH PROGRAMS. BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT. IF WE CONTINUE WITH A
22 PROGRAM, WE OWN THE PROGRAM. I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO ANY
23 SPECIFICS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE ONCE WE START TALKING ABOUT
24 WHETHER OR NOT WE CONTINUE WITH THE CRITICAL SOCIAL PROGRAM,
25 IT CREATES THAT PANIC. BUT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THE SEQUENCE



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1 WILL BE IN THE BEGINNING PART OF THAT SEQUENCE IS THE FIRST
2 QUESTION: DO WE CONTINUE WITH THAT PROGRAM? DO WE BACKFILL? OR
3 DO WE STOP THAT PROGRAM?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE AN EXERCISE GOING ON RIGHT NOW
6 WHERE YOU ARE IDENTIFYING WHAT PROGRAMS ARE MANDATED AND WHAT
7 PROGRAMS ARE NOT?

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, WE ARE DOING THAT. WE ARE IDENTIFYING
10 THAT. WE ARE ALSO IDENTIFYING-- THERE ARE PROGRAMS THAT ARE
11 FUNDED IN OUR PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IF WE DECIDE
12 TO STOP THOSE PROGRAMS, THERE ARE HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF
13 STAFF WHO WORK EVERY DAY ADMINISTERING THOSE PROGRAMS, WHO
14 PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THOSE PROGRAMS. THERE'S A SIMPLE
15 CONSEQUENCE. FOR EVERY MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE CUT IN SOME OF
16 OUR PUBLIC SOCIAL PROGRAMS, WE'RE TALKING SEVERAL HUNDRED--
17 WELL NOT SEVERAL HUNDRED, I HAVE THE FIGURE HERE. FOR EVERY
18 MILLION DOLLARS, IN SOME OF OUR SOCIAL PROGRAMS, IT BUYS
19 APPROXIMATELY 170 POSITIONS. THERE WILL BE A STAFF CONSEQUENCE
20 THAT WE'LL ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH. AND THAT CONSEQUENCE, WE
21 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY THOSE SALARIES. AND SO AS PART OF A
22 DISCUSSION, BECAUSE WE'VE DONE, AS A COUNTY WE'VE TAKEN EVERY
23 STEP POSSIBLE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS SINCE I WOULD SAY ABOUT
24 '95 TO AVOIDING LAYOFFS. BUT IF WE START CURTAILING PROGRAMS,



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1 THAT DECISION HAS TO BE MADE. I DO NOT WANT TO PUT THAT WORD
2 OUT THERE BECAUSE THAT ALSO CREATES PANIC.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW. AND I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. BUT
5 THE THING WE'VE BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO DO IS THE FLIPSIDE, WHICH
6 IS NOT TO HOLD OUT THE HOPE THAT WE CAN BORROW OUR WAY THROUGH
7 IT. THAT SENDS A MESSAGE UP NORTH AND ELSEWHERE THAT NO MATTER
8 WHAT HAPPENS, IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE
9 OKAY. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT IF THEY DON'T RESOLVE THIS
10 ISSUE IN SOME KIND OF A RESPONSIBLE WAY, THERE IS NO WAY WE'RE
11 GOING TO BORROW OUR WAY OUT OF IT, I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH WE
12 THINK WE WANT TO DO. WE HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT A MONTH AGO,
13 I DID WITH SOME OF YOUR FOLKS, ABOUT COLLATERALIZATION. I
14 THINK WITH MR. TOKADA, AND WE WENT THROUGH A LIST, THERE'S
15 PRACTICALLY NOT A PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT THE COUNTY OWNS THAT
16 ISN'T COLLATERALIZED ALREADY. WHAT COLLATERAL DO WE HAVE TO
17 PUT UP TO BORROW IF WALL STREET DOESN'T BUY OUR LINE, OUR
18 STORY? THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION. I JUST THINK WE NEED TO
19 CONVEY THE SERIOUSNESS OF IT AND THE DEPTH OF IT, AND THE
20 POTENTIAL, THIS FIRECRACKER OR PILE OF FIRE CRACKERS IS ABOUT
21 TO GO OFF. ONCE YOU LIGHT THE FUSE, YOU'RE RIGHT, JUST TO USE
22 A MORE COLORFUL LANGUAGE THAN THE C.E.O. USED, BUT ONCE YOU
23 LIGHT THE FUSE, YOU CAN'T STOP IT. IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE WHAT
24 WE HAD THE FIRES UP IN SYLMAR. ONCE IT STARTS, YOU CAN'T STOP
25 IT.



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2 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND I ABSOLUTELY AGREE WITH YOU. AND I
3 WOULDN'T RECOMMEND THAT WE READILY AND QUICKLY GO OUT AND
4 BORROW MONEY. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT IF WE WERE TO ANNOUNCE A
5 SIGNIFICANT CURTAILMENT IN OUR HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAMS, THERE
6 WILL BE FOUR PEOPLE-- THERE WILL BE 40 PEOPLE, THERE WILL BE A
7 NUMBER OF PEOPLE GOING ACROSS THE WAY TO COURT TO GET AN
8 INJUNCTION ON US IMMEDIATELY. AT THAT POINT WE WILL HAVE NO
9 CHOICE BUT TO FIND A WAY TO PAY FOR THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, NO, THAT IS NOT THE ONLY CHOICE. IT IS
12 TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THOSE THINGS THAT WE ARE MANDATED BY LAW TO
13 DO, AND THOSE THINGS THAT WE ARE MANDATED BY LAW TO DO. LOOK,
14 YOU'RE GOING TO BE IN THAT SITUATION WHETHER WE LIKE IT, YOU
15 LIKE IT, ALL OF US LIKE IT OR NOT, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK
16 YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO BORROW THIS KIND OF MONEY, IF
17 THAT'S THE NUT THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE IN A MONTH OR TWO. YOU
18 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BORROW ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS, I DON'T
19 THINK SO. AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR US TO
20 GO OUT AND BORROW MONEY WHEN WE DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO
21 PAY IT BACK. WE HAVE NOTHING TO COLLATERALIZE IT WITH. EVERY
22 PROBATION CAMP IS COLLATERALIZED. THIS BUILDING IS
23 COLLATERALIZED. I DON'T KNOW IF THE MARINA STILL IS. SOMETIMES
24 IT IS, SOMETIMES IT ISN'T. EVERYTHING THAT WE OWN HAS BEEN
25 COLLATERALIZED FOR SOME BORROWING. AND THEN YOU GUYS HAD SOME



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1 IDEAS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF HOW YOU WOULD PROCEED. SO
2 I DON'T THINK THERE'S MUCH LEFT TO SHOW A BORROWER-- I'M
3 SORRY, A LENDER-- THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE GOOD ON OUR
4 COMMITMENTS. AND I TELL YOU IF I WAS SITTING-- IF I WAS A
5 RETIRED PERSON IN ARKANSAS AND I WAS LOOKING TO BUY BONDS,
6 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THIS WOULDN'T BE ONE. I WOULD CHARGE YOU AN
7 INTEREST RATE SO HIGH. OR I'D DO SOMETHING SAFE. LIKE ARKANSAS
8 BONDS OR SOMETHING. ANYWAY, THAT'S A POINT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A VALID POINT. I THINK THE FACT
11 IS THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE IN THAT POSITION TO BORROW. EVEN
12 THOUGH WE MAY BE FORCED AT HAND TO TRY IT, I THINK THE GRAVITY
13 OF THE SITUATION DICTATES THAT WE NEED TO BE PREPARED AND RUN
14 ALL THESE THINGS IN THE SAME TRACK TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE
15 AT. TODAY THIS ACTION WE'RE TAKING IS THE FIRST STEP. MARK?
16 THEN MIKE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO INDICATE THAT
19 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS ENGAGED IN MORE BORROWING THAN CAN
20 BE IMAGINABLE OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS. THE LEGISLATIVE
21 OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO BOTH HOUSES OF
22 THE LEGISLATURE THAT THIS IS NO WAY TO RUN A RAILROAD. IT IS
23 EXPENSIVE BEYOND BELIEF. AND THE DIFFERENCES IN THE
24 DISCUSSIONS IN THE LEGISLATURE OVER AGAINST THE CONVERSATION,
25 THE DISCUSSION THAT WE'RE HAVING HERE, IS AS FOLLOWS: THE ONLY



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1 REASON THAT THE GOVERNOR SOUGHT TO BORROW, TO BOND, ET CETERA,
2 WAS LARGELY POLITICAL AS A SOLUTION TO GET OUT OF THE DEEP
3 DEBT THAT THE STATE WAS IN WHEN HE FIRST ASSUMED OFFICE.
4 BECAUSE HE HAD MADE A PUBLIC COMMITMENT, YOU'LL RECALL,
5 CAMPAIGNED ON NO NEW INCREASES IN TAXES, FEES, ET CETERA.
6 THEREFORE, THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO DEAL WITH THE DEFICIT THAT
7 CONFRONTED THE STATE. TWO YEARS LATER, A SIMILAR SCENARIO
8 PRESENTED ITSELF. BE MINDFUL OF THE FACT THE FIRST SHOT ACROSS
9 THE BOW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAS WITH THE REPEAL OF THE VEHICLE
10 LICENSE FEE. NOW THERE'S A SCRAMBLE TO RESTORE IT. THAT WAS
11 PUBLIC SAFETY DOLLARS, BOTH POLICE AND FIRE, SHERIFFS.
12 THEREFORE, THEY WERE VERY ACTIVE IN RESISTING THAT BEING
13 REPEALED. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE DISCUSSIONS HERE, AS I HEAR
14 THEM, GO TO THE ISSUE OF THE FISCAL CRISIS AND/OR THE
15 FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THAT WOULD BE FACED BY THE COUNTY TO MEET
16 ITS OBLIGATIONS TO ITS RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES. A FISCAL
17 CRISIS, FINANCIAL CHALLENGE IS VERY DIFFERENT AS A RATIONALE
18 FOR BORROWING WHEN COMPARED TO LARGELY A POLITICAL DECISION
19 THAT HAD TO BE MADE JUST TO GET A DEAL DONE. AND I CAN ASSURE
20 YOU THAT MUCH OF THE DELAY TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES,
21 IS PRECISELY THAT. AND IF IN FACT WE ARE UNWILLING TO
22 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, WE ARE NOT ENGAGING THE PROBLEM WHICH
23 FUNDAMENTALLY EXISTS. THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF THE INCAPACITY
24 TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE FROM A FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW. IT IS
25 POLITICAL GRIDLOCK, WRIT LARGE. IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU WERE TO



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1 RELEASE ALL PRISONERS, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A SOLUTION IF YOU'RE
2 TALKING ABOUT CUTTING. IF YOU WERE TO CLOSE U.C., THE ENTIRETY
3 OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM, IT IS INSUFFICIENT
4 WITH RESPECT TO THE DEFICIT. YOU CAN GO ON AND ON. AND ANY
5 OTHER DISCUSSIONS IN THE AREA OF EDUCATION, THE AREA OF
6 HEALTHCARE AND THE LIKE BEGIN TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE VERY
7 ESSENCE OF WHY THIS FORM OF GOVERNMENT EXISTS, TO PROVIDE
8 THOSE SERVICES. AND IT IS NOT PURELY OR SIMPLY A MATTER OF THE
9 NUMBERS. IT IS THE MATTER OF THE POLITICS, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE IRONY OF ALL THAT, THE RELEASED
12 PRISONERS PROBABLY WILL GO ON THE COUNTY DOLE. THAT'S THE
13 IRONY OF THIS WHOLE PROCESS IS DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES IS
14 THAT OUR SYSTEM BECOMES OVERWHELMED BY THE PROCESS THAT WE ARE
15 OBLIGATED BY LAW TO PERFORM. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST WANT TO CONCLUDE. WE CAN'T BORROW
18 BECAUSE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE AS STATED. WE DON'T HAVE THE EQUITY.
19 WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO PUT UP MONEY FOR WITH ANY GUARANTEE
20 THAT IT CAN BE REIMBURSED. AND WE HAVE TO SERIOUSLY HAVE A
21 LIST OF CUTS THAT HAVE TO BE MADE IF THE STATE FAILS TO CARRY
22 OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. IT CAN ONLY RESULT IN CUTTING, NOT
23 BORROWING.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. THE CHAIR
2 WILL MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE C.E.O. SECONDED BY
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AS AMENDED. THAT'S CLEARLY
4 UNDERSTOOD? OKAY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON THE FREEZE, MR. FUJIOKA, WHEN THERE'S AN
7 UNFREEZE, DOES YOUR MEMO GIVE YOU THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THOSE
8 DETERMINATIONS? OR ARE THERE ANY THAT COME BACK TO US FOR
9 APPROVAL?

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AT THIS POINT IN TIME WE'RE ASKING FOR THAT
12 AUTHORITY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR THAT AUTHORITY?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF WE HAVE-- THIS IS SOMETHING THAT OF COURSE
17 WILL EVOLVE OVER TIME. IF THERE ARE ISSUES, I WOULD SUGGEST
18 YOU HAVE IT COME BACK WITH A REPORT THAT SPEAKS TO WHAT TYPE
19 OF REQUEST FOR EITHER APPROVING OR DENYING. IT CAN BE VISITED
20 ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD JUST AMEND THIS TO ASK FOR EVERY
23 FOUR WEEKS THAT YOU PROVIDE THE BOARD WITH A REPORT ON WHAT
24 THE IMPACT OF YOUR BUDGET IS.

25



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1 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WORKS.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I AGREE WITH THAT AND I'LL SECOND THAT
4 AMENDMENT. BUT I THINK ALSO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE
5 DISCUSSED LAST WEEK WAS TO KEEP THIS PARTICULAR ITEM ON THE
6 AGENDA EACH AND EVERY WEEK BOTH AS A CLOSED SESSION ITEM AND
7 AS A PUBLIC ITEM. SO THAT WHATEVER CHANGES ARE TAKEN, BECAUSE
8 THIS IS A MOVING TARGET, THAT WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS IT
9 AND NOT WORRY ABOUT A GREEN SHEET OR ANYTHING ELSE TO MAKE
10 SURE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WEEKLY REPORTS ARE IN ORDER, MR. CHAIR. DO
13 YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF THE TIME PARAMETERS WITH RESPECT TO THE
14 FREEZE, MR. FUJIOKA? WAS THERE ANY COMMENT TO THAT EFFECT? IS
15 IT OPEN-ENDED?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE SENSITIVITY WITH RESPECT TO THE FREEZE?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. THE TIME LIMITS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE LENGTH OF THE FREEZE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OF THE SIGNING OF THE FREEZE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW LONG WILL THE POLICY BE ENFORCED I THINK
2 IS THE QUESTION?

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I THINK UNTIL THE BOARD STATES OTHERWISE.
5 RIGHT NOW THIS IS NOT A SHORT-TERM ISSUE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE
6 THIS AT THE MINIMUM THROUGH THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR
7 BECAUSE WE NEED-- IN OUR SCOPING FOR NEXT YEAR, WE ASSUMED
8 \$100 MILLION WOULD CARRY OVER FROM THIS YEAR TO NEXT YEAR TO
9 BALANCE THE BUDGET. WE'RE FAR SHORT OF THAT.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO ARTICULATE
12 THAT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I REALLY DON'T THINK WE NEED THE FOUR-
15 WEEK THING BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IT EVERY WEEK.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS LONG AS HE REPORTS WHEN WE REPORT.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WEEKLY.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, JUST TO PIGGYBACK ON MR.
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S LAST COMMENT, MAYBE WHEN YOU BRING THE NEXT
23 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FORWARD, THIS ISSUE CAN BE VISITED, THIS
24 POLICY SHOULD BE VISITED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, EITHER
25 CONTINUING IT INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR OR NOT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AT THAT POINT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL MAKE
5 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE STAFFING AND NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS. SO IT
6 WON'T BE A QUESTION OF FREEZING. IT WILL BE A QUESTION OF
7 WHETHER OR NOT THEY EVEN HAVE THE POSITION. THAT'S HOW SERIOUS
8 IT IS.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WITH THAT, WITH NO OBJECTIONS, SO
13 ORDERED. I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES THE FORMAL AGENDA. WE HAVE
14 PUBLIC COMMENTS. RIGHT, BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS, I
15 BELIEVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS A MOTION?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. JUST BRIEFLY, SOME
18 OF US WE'VE ALREADY LEARNED ABOUT THE DISTURBANCE AT CAMP
19 SCUDDER. AND I WISH TO HIGHLIGHT THE REPORT FROM THE PROBATION
20 DEPARTMENT, THIS DISTURBANCE, NAMELY A FIGHT, ENSUED, SPECIFIC
21 AS IT RELATES TO THE NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT,
22 MINORS, APPROXIMATELY 16 OF THEM WERE INVOLVED. I THINK WE
23 NEED TO HEAR FROM BOTH THE C.E.O. AND THE CHIEF PROBATION
24 OFFICER WITHIN APPROXIMATELY 14 DAYS AT THE MOST ABOUT THIS
25 INCIDENT. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE WORK OF THESE FACILITIES



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1 IS TO REDIRECT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARD DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE
2 LIFE SKILLS, THE FREQUENCY OF THESE CONFRONTATIONS AND ALL OF
3 THE PARTICULARITIES THAT ARE ATTACHED TO THEM NEED TO BE
4 BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION WITH A FULL FORTHRIGHT REPORT. AND
5 I'LL LET THAT SUFFICE FOR THE TIME BEING, MR. CHAIRMAN.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S JUST A REQUEST FOR REPORT BACK.
8 WE CAN DO THAT. WE CAN TAKE THAT ACTION. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
9 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
10 ORDERED.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IF I MAY, MAY I CALL TO THE ATTENTION
13 OF THE BOARD, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE AT
14 THE ST. MARK'S METHODIST CHURCH RECENTLY WHERE A HOUSE OF
15 WORSHIP WAS LITERALLY RANSACKED? I MEAN THE DESECRATION, I'LL
16 SPARE YOU THE DETAILS, BUT I CALL IT TO OUR COLLECTIVE
17 ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO PERHAPS POST A REWARD, BUT
18 BEYOND THAT, TO CONSCRIPT THE SERVICES OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS
19 COMMITTEE ON THIS MATTER. I WILL CIRCLE BACK NEXT WEEK--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE A MOTION FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE
22 REWARD? WE CAN DO THAT BECAUSE THAT'S A WEEKLY THING. SO DO
23 YOU HAVE AN AMOUNT THERE?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE STANDARD AMOUNT IS-- IS IT NOT
2 \$10,000?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. MR. CHAIRMAN, IF THAT'S AN ORDER,
5 I'D BE PREPARED TO PROCEED. WE CAN HARDLY TOLERATE HOUSES OF
6 WORSHIP BEING VANDALIZED AND THE LIKE. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT
7 IS THE CASE--

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DOES YOUR STAFF HAVE A COPY OF THE
10 MOTION SO THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER CAN DULY RECORD IT?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE CAN MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO YOU IN SHORT
13 ORDER.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, POST
16 A REWARD IN REGARDS TO THIS ISSUE OF \$10,000 AS WELL AS
17 INVOLVING THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE DESECRATION
18 THAT OCCURRED AT, IS IT ST. MARK'S?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** METHODIST CHURCH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE
23 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED. MR.
24 YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAD FORGOTTEN TO
2 INTRODUCE THIS EARLIER. I THINK THIS IS A REPORT BACK. I'VE
3 ALREADY DISCUSSED IT WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. I WON'T
4 READ THE WHOLE THING IN THE INTEREST OF TIME. BUT IT ALSO
5 DEALS WITH THE PROBATION ISSUE AND THE STAFFING, BOTH NURSES
6 AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AT OUR CAMPS. IT'S PRESENTED
7 JOINTLY BY MYSELF AND MR. ANTONOVICH. AND IT DIRECTS THE
8 C.E.O., ALONG WITH THE VARIOUS APPLICABLE DEPARTMENTS, TO FILL
9 THE POSITIONS AND FINISH THE MODULAR UNITS THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY
10 BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD. I DON'T WANT TO CONNECT THE TWO
11 DOTS, BUT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, BUT THIS MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO
12 DO WITH WHAT HAPPENS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR REPORT
16 BACK. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. ANY OTHER MOTION
17 MOTIONS? IF NOT, WE WILL PROCEED WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS. WOULD
18 ASK THAT DAVID LOYOLA JOIN US. MICHAEL CRAWFORD. RICHARD
19 ROBINSON? IF YOU WILL IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD? OKAY,
20 SIR.

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22 **DAVID LOYOLA:** MY NAME IS DAVID EDUARDO LOYOLA. AND IT IS FOR
23 THE FIRST TIME A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET IN PERSON ONE OF THE
24 GREATEST SUPERVISORS, MRS. GLORIA MOLINA. I HAVE KNOWN MRS.
25 MOLINA FOR MANY YEARS. THAT'S MY FIRST TIME I SAW HER IN



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1 PERSON. BUT I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE WORK THAT SHE HAS DONE
2 FOR THE COMMUNITY. AND MORE IMPORTANT, THERE IS THREE OR FOUR
3 ISSUES, AND I WILL BE VERY FAST. THE OFFICE OF MRS. GLORIA
4 MOLINA AND MRS. SUSAN MANRIQUE IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE BEST
5 OFFICE, POLITICAL OFFICE. WHY? BECAUSE WHEN YOU CALL TO MRS.
6 GLORIA MOLINA, BECAUSE THE CLIENTS OR A PERSON HAVING AN
7 ISSUE, YOU RECEIVE A RESPONSE IN TWO DAYS. AND IN ONE WEEK,
8 THERE IS A LETTER BY MAIL. AND THEY REFER. MORE IMPORTANT THAN
9 THAT, MANY TIMES WE APPROACHING THE OFFICE OF THE MRS. MOLINA
10 WITH SOME KIND OF OTHER PROBLEMS. SOMETIMES, YOU HAVE NO
11 JURISDICTION, MRS. MOLINA., BUT SHE'S VERY DEDICATED. SHE
12 CONTACT THE _____, CONTACTED BECERA WHATEVER IS THE PERSON
13 NECESSARILY, THE OFFICE OF MRS. GLORIA MOLINA NEVER LEFT A
14 PERSON EMPTY HANDS. FOR THAT, I CONGRATULATE HER FOR ALL THE
15 WORK THAT SHE HAS BEEN DONE. I LIKE IT. TODAY IS GREATEST DAY
16 OF MY LIFE. I CAN I CAN SEE YOU IN PERSON FOR THE FIRST TIME.
17 BUT ALSO I WANT TO CONGRATULATE TO MRS. GLORIA MOLINA, A
18 GRACIOUS AND ALSO ANGIE MELENDEZ FOR THE WORK, WORKING
19 TOGETHER, A COUNCILMAN AND A SUPERVISOR, AND THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, WHEN YOU CREATED THE NEW RAMPART POLICE
21 DEPARTMENT DIVISION ON SIXTH STREET AND NEAR ALVARADO OR
22 UNION, YOU HAVE CREATED A NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM. DO YOU KNOW
23 WHY? BECAUSE ALL THE TIME THE OLD RAMPART OF THE PAST HAS BEEN
24 GONE. TODAY WE HAVE MR. SEAN EGAN, SUSAN SERRANO, THE
25 MENTALITY OF THE PERSON OR THE CAPTAIN IS A SOCIAL WORKER



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1 AGENCY, THEY ARE WORKING LIKE THE BOBBIES IN ENGLAND. THEY
2 WANT TO BE SOCIAL. THE PEOPLE GO TOGETHER. AND MORE IMPORTANT,
3 I SPOKE TO CAPTAIN EGAN. DO YOU KNOW YOUR PLACE IS SO NICE
4 THAT THE PEOPLE ARE NOT SCARED OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY
5 PLAY AROUND. THEY ARE WITH THE FAMILY. AND THEY ARE ALL
6 TOGETHER. AND I BELIEVE THAT IS THE GREATEST GOAL THAT LOS
7 ANGELES HAS BEEN CREATING. A NEW VISION FROM THE POLICE
8 DEPARTMENT WITH A VISION THE NEW CENTURY. MRS. MOLINA, GOD
9 BLESS YOU. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SURE MRS. MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO GIVE
12 YOU ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES, BUT TIME'S UP. [LAUGHTER.] OKAY.
13 THANK YOU. WE DON'T GET MANY OF THOSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
14 YES, SIR.

15

16 **MICHAEL CRAWFORD:** YES, MY NAME IS MICHAEL CRAWFORD. I'M HERE
17 SEEKING SOME KIND OF HELP. I HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF STALKING
18 HARASSMENT GOING ON NINE YEARS NOW, STEMMING FROM SANTA MONICA
19 CITY COLLEGE AND WEST SIDE. I'VE BEEN FALSELY PUT IN JAIL. I
20 CAN'T HAVE MY CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCED UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES. I
21 HAVE TEACHERS AT SANTA MONICA COLLEGE WHO PUT THEIR HAND IN MY
22 FACE, ALSO MR. LONG. I HAVE POLICE AT SANTA MONICA CITY
23 COLLEGE PRESS FALSE CHARGES OVER ME. AT THE GROVE, THE BEVERLY
24 CENTER, I HAVE PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO CAN PUT THEIR HANDS IN MY
25 FACE, BUMP INTO ME. JEWISH WOMEN WALK THEIR BABY CARRIAGES AT



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1 ME, WALK THEIR CHILDREN INTO ME. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING. I HAVE
2 MY HANDS CUFFED FOR A DOG LICKING MY CUP OF COFFEE AND YET
3 THERE'S NO CHARGES FILED. POLICE COME AROUND AND SAY WE'RE
4 BOTH RESPONSIBLE. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR NINE YEARS. AS OF
5 2006, WEST ANGELES CHURCH DECIDED TO GET INVOLVED. AND
6 THEREFORE SINCE THEN I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF BLACK
7 WILLIE LYNCHERS COMING AROUND ME, HARASSING ME. DAVIS CULP,
8 WHO IS A TEACHER AT SANTA MONICA CITY COLLEGE, GAVE ME THE
9 PAPER ON WILLIE LYNCHES. I HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM EVERY DAY.
10 I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE CAN I GO? WHO CAN I TURN TO GO GET
11 SOMETHING DONE? MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, WHEN I WAS LIVING DOWN
12 TOWN ON SKID ROW. THE BLACK PEOPLE DOWN THERE STARTED TO DO
13 THE SAME THINGS. THE CRACK HEADS IN THE WELDON HOTEL WERE
14 DOING. I WANT TO KNOW AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, WHERE CAN I GO TO
15 WITHOUT GETTING A RUN AROUND?

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OBVIOUSLY YOU NEED THE LEGAL ACCESS. AND
18 YOU NEED AN ATTORNEY.

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20 **MICHAEL CRAWFORD:** I HAVE CALLED THE F.B.I. I CALLED THE
21 A.C.L.U.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU NEED AN ATTORNEY.

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1 **MICHAEL CRAWFORD:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I GOT NO MONEY. I'M
2 ON S.S.I. I SPENT NINE MONTHS IN JAIL BECAUSE OF THIS STUFF
3 GOING ON, AND NOT THREE LAWYERS, I KNOW TWO OF THEM WERE
4 JEWISH, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER ONE. BUT MY MOTHER IS OUT
5 OF \$4,000 AND SHE'S ON S.S.I. I'M OUT OF SKID ROW BACK IN MY
6 MOTHER'S HOUSE AND NOTHING STOPS. AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY
7 KNOWS ABOUT IT AND THINKS IT'S A JOKE. I MEAN IF ALL THE BAD
8 THINGS THAT ARE SAID ABOUT ME AND I'M VIEWED THE WAY I AM AND
9 I'M RIDING A BUS, IT SEEMS SOMEBODY WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH
10 SOMETHING AFTER NINE YEARS. I MEAN I JUST FIND IT KIND OF
11 IRONIC THAT I GOT ALL KIND OF POLICE AROUND ME, PEOPLE AROUND
12 ME THAT I DO NOT KNOW, LYING ON ME AND THEY CAN'T PROVE
13 NOTHING. YET PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO BUMP IN ME. IT'S A JOKE.
14 RUN THEIR BABY CARRIAGE AT ME IS A JOKE. I MEAN THAT'S KIND OF
15 ABSURD.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.
18 AGAIN, YOU NEED TO ACCESS AN ATTORNEY IS ABOUT ALL I CAN SAY
19 AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT, BECAUSE IT RELATES TO HARASSMENT,
20 CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION. RICHARD ROBINSON, ARE YOU STILL HERE?
21 PARDON ME? OKAY. HILLARIE LEVY AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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23 **HILLARIE LEVY:** MY NAME IS HILLARIE LEVY. I JUST PROVIDED EACH
24 SUPERVISOR WITH THE DECEMBER 11TH, 2008 FAIR POLITICAL
25 PRACTICES COMMISSION MEETING HELD IN SACRAMENTO. AGENDA NUMBER



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1 9 CONCERNS A VIOLATION OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 87300 AND A
2 \$200 FINE BY A DESIGNEE WITH THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION
3 COMMISSION, A 15-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
4 DESPITE RECEIVING THREE WARNINGS FOR ONE YEAR BY THE F.P.P.C.,
5 FAILED TO REPORT THE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST WHICH
6 PREVENTS EMPLOYEES FROM MAKING GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS
7 AFFECTING THEIR PERSONAL FINANCIAL INTERESTS. THE BOARD'S
8 DISTURBING RESPONSE BY INTERRUPTING AND CUTTING MY SPEECH AS I
9 ATTEMPTED TO NOTIFY THEM OF ADDITIONAL ILLEGAL EMPLOYEE
10 ACTIONS, DEMONSTRATES, DESPITE ALL THE DRAMA, THEIR INABILITY
11 AND LACK OF PRIORITY IN RESOLVING THIS ISSUE. INSTEAD OF
12 EXCUSES, L.A. CONSTITUENTS DESERVE BETTER THAN A BOARD WHICH
13 RESPONDS TO ILLEGAL EMPLOYEE ACTIONS ONLY WHEN THE L.A. TIMES
14 REPORTS IT FIRST. PLEASE CONSIDER AN L.A. COUNTY ETHICS
15 COMMITTEE AND ADVOCATE FOR THE CONSTITUENTS COMPROMISED OF
16 VOLUNTEER CITIZENS, FOCUSING ON CURTAILING EMPLOYEE VIOLATIONS
17 AND USE OF LOOP HOLES AS WELL AS IMPLEMENTING CHANGES TO 6.09
18 OF THE L.A. COUNTY CODE BY ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF MONITORING
19 SALARIED EMPLOYEES. INSTEAD OF THE CONTINUED NON-RESPONSE TO
20 IDEAS FOR CORRECTION, A PROACTIVE STANCE WOULD REDUCE
21 LIABILITY AND EMBARRASSMENT THESE EMPLOYEES CAUSE L.A. COUNTY.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARNOLD?

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, ARNOLD SACHS. THIS WEEK, THE M.T.A.
2 WILL BE HOLDING HEARINGS REGARDING REDUCING BUS SERVICE AGAIN
3 ANNUALLY, AS THEY DO. IF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND,
4 THERE ARE HEARINGS THIS WEEK. ONE IS IN WEST WOOD, ONE IS IN
5 CARSON TONIGHT. THERE'S ONE IN THE WATER CENTER AT FIRESTONE,
6 I BELIEVE? ALL THIS WEEK. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE A HEARING AND YOU
7 ARE A BUS RIDER, PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO THE M.T.A. BOARD.
8 AND HOPEFULLY YOU WILL SAY THAT WE CAN'T HAVE THESE BUS
9 SERVICE CUTS. THE PAST M.T.A. BOARD MEETING, THE M.T.A. BOARD,
10 IN THEIR WISDOM, WHICH I VOTED TO SUPPORT FUNDING FOR MORE
11 STUDIES FOR THE WEST SIDE EXTENSION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SUBWAY
12 TO THE SEA FOR THE MID CITY, THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR, ALSO
13 KNOWN AS THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE, AND FOR I BELIEVE THE EAST
14 SIDE EXTENSION? AND ALTHOUGH I AGREE WITH THE NEED FOR THE
15 RAIL SYSTEMS, ENOUGH OF THE STUDIES. THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR,
16 THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE, THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE STARTED
17 OPERATING IN 1980. SO THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A STUDY DONE PRIOR
18 TO THAT THAT WOULD HAVE ENHANCED OR ENCOMPASSED THE ROUTE OF
19 THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE. ANOTHER STUDY? WHAT FOR? THE RED LINE
20 WAS PROPOSED BY FORMER MAYOR TOM BRADLEY, OR I SHOULD SAY THE
21 SUBWAY TO THE SEA TO RUN DOWN WILSHIRE BOULEVARD. IT THEN
22 MUSHROOMED INTO 17 OTHER ROUTES.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WAS CALLED A 30-YEAR PLAN.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHATEVER IT WAS CALLED. THERE'S ANOTHER NAME FOR
2 IT, TOO. WHY 17 ROUTES? ENOUGH STUDIES. WHAT WOULD REALLY BE
3 WONDERFUL IS TO GET AN ACCOUNTING OF HOW MUCH THE M.T.A. HAS
4 SPENT ON STUDYING THESE DIFFERENT RAIL LINES FOR THE LAST, OH
5 I DON'T KNOW, 25 YEARS? THEY'RE NOT STUDYING BUYING PROPERTY.
6 THEY'RE BUYING PROPERTY FOR THE FOOTHILL EXTENSION. NOT GOING
7 TO USE THE RIGHT OF WAY THAT THEY OWN. BUT IF AND WHEN THE
8 FOOTHILL EXTENSION GETS BUILT, IT WILL END UP GOING TO THE
9 PROPERTY THAT THE M.T.A. HAS BOUGHT INSTEAD OF PROVIDING BUS
10 SERVICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** OKAY, I THINK THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC
13 COMMENT. IF YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, PLEASE.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
16 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
17 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,
18 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF
19 LITIGATION (TWO CASES), AND ITEM NUMBER CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH
20 LABOR NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
21 AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE
22 NOTE THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS WILL BE FEBRUARY 17TH, 2009 AT 1:00 P.M. THANK
24 YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

7 Initiation of litigation (two cases) (09-0178)

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9 ACTION TAKEN: The Board of Supervisors authorized County

10 Counsel to initiate or join litigation against the State

11 Controller challenging his deferral of payment of funds to the

12 County.

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14 The vote of the Board was: Ayes: Supervisors Molina,

15 Yaroslavsky, Antonovich and Knabe

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17 Noes: None

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19 Abstention: Supervisor Ridley-Thomas.

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21 No reportable action was taken on item CS-2.

22